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DIANA GABALDON COMES TO SCOTTISH WEEKEND 2000

Nigel Tranter to be honored in absentia

Bestselling author, Diana Gabaldon, will be the special guest at the Odom Library's Scottish Weekend 2000 to be held February 18, 19 & 20, 2000...and you're invited to come too!

Ms. Gabaldon has written *Outlander, Dragonfly in Amber, Voyager* and *Drums of Autumn* plus the new *Outlandish Companion*. The critically acclaimed novels about Claire and Jamie Fraser have captured the hearts of millions.

The Odom Library is proud to honor Ms. Gabaldon with the 2000 Odom Heritage Award.

The renowned Scottish author Nigel Tranter will also be honored in absentia since his health prohibits him from traveling to America.

Previous winners of The Odom Heritage Award include Cliff Robertson, Britt Hume and Ludlow Porch.

Special Guests for the weekend will be Peter Marshall, Her Majesty's Consul General from Atlanta and Mrs. Marshall.

The Scottish Weekend 2000 will begin on Friday evening with an old fashioned Ceilidh Dutch Treat Dinner at Western Sizzlin' in Moultrie. Everyone is invited to bring their party piece and musical instrument as all are welcome to join in the fun.

On Saturday, programs in the library will include presentations by Noel Young (North-

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Clan Boyd International Society declares Odom "home"

Jeri L. Boyd has announced that the Clan Boyd International Society has been organized and in one of their first moves, declared The Odom Library as their archival and genealogical home.

The group publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains a genealogical data base where queries are published at no charge.

The Clan Boyd International Society recognizes the 7th Baron Kilmarnock, Alastair Ivor Gilbert Boyd as hereditary chief. The 7th Baron traces his lineage back to Robert Boyd who aided Robert Bruce at the Battle of Bannockburn, 1314. It was for Robert Boyd's service to Bruce that Bannockburn that Bruce gave Boyd the lands of Kilmarnock, Kilbride, Dalry, etc.

Ethel K. MacNeal was presented with the Past President's Medallion of her late husband and founder of The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Dr. Herbert P. MacNeal on the occasion of her 90th birthday party. Jack MacNeil from Trenton, New Jersey made the presentation.

Just when we though it was ok to go outside... USPS rate increase zaps *Family Tree* hard!

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We have some choices. We can cut the number of pages in each issue - but we always keep the number of pages to a minimum. We can cut the number we mail - but we are very careful and already only mail to those who request our paper.

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The Clay County, Indiana, Genealogical Society is aiming for 500 members by the year 2000, and, to that end, are launching a membership drive.

If you have a family member or ancestor from Clay County, Indiana, you can derive many benefits from joining our society, even if you are a long-distance member.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Researcher*, which includes 18 pages of original research material - wills, obituaries, cemetery records, census information, etc., plus listings of all new members and what surnames they are working on. *The Researcher* also prints free queries for members.

In addition, membership entitles you to long distance research in the library for the half price fee of $5 per hour.

Membership fees are $12.50 for an individual, $20.00 for a family, and $5.00 for an institution.

To join, write to the Clay County Genealogical Society, PO Box 56, Center Point, IN 47840-0056. Your may call our library Mon., Wed. or Sat. from 1-4 PM at 812-835-5005. Our e-mail address is <ccgslib@ticz.com>

Walworth County Genealogical Society web page On-Line

Walworth County Genealogical Society has recently set up their web page and the public is welcome to access it at: <www.rootsweb.com/~wiwalwor>.

If you have any further questions regarding this web page or the Walworth County Genealogical Society and their library, please contact Treasurer John Stevenson at 414-728-3719 or President Peggy Rockwell Gleich at 608-752-8816.

You may write to WCGS at PO Box 159, Delavan, WI 53115-0159 or by e-mail to: <pgleich@aol.com>.

NCGS 1999 Annual Meeting & Workshop set for November

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is pleased to announced that the Topic for our 1999 Annual Meeting and Workshop will be "The Hallelujah Trails: People Who Worship Together, Travel Together."

The workshop will be held Friday, November 12, 1999, and Saturday, November 13, 1999, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The early registration fee for registrations before October 25, 1999 is $60.00 for NCGS members and $75.00 for nonmembers.

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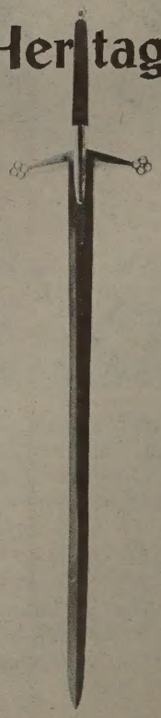

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Vendors will be open daily from 10 am to 4 PM. For more information call: 304-525-5720.

Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Genealogical Society set for October

The Heritage Library and the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society are co-hosting the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Genealogical Society scheduled for 13-16 of October 1999 on Hilton Head Island, SC. Four days of computer lectures, classes, tours of the low country and fellowship with area genealogists are on the forecasted program.

The Heritage Library is a not-for-profit private foundation devoted to the study of history and genealogy. For more information please visit our internet web site: <www.heritagelib.org>.

Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar & Book Fair set for October

The Arkansas Genealogical Society holds its Fall Seminar & Book Fair on 22-23 October 1999 at the Holiday Inn-Airport East, Little Rock, AR.

The featured speaker, Saturday is John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. with Friday evening speakers: Russell Baker, Barbara Roberts Baylis, Susan Boy Tracey Converse, and Lynda Suffridge.

For details contact: Mary Reid Warner, 18 Fastota Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909; you may wish to e-mail: <blwandmnv@arkansas.net>.

Genealogy Friends announces an October seminar

This year's special genealogy seminar, sponsored by Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc., will feature Helen F. M. Learry, CG, CGL, FNGS, nationally known and recognized speaker on genealogy.

The all day seminar will be held on 16 October 1999, in the Plano Municipal Center (City Council Chambers). Registration is $30.

Contact Genealogy Friends of Plano Libraries, Inc., PO Box 860477, Plano, TX 75086-0477; phone: Mary (972) 669-2434, e-mail: < GenFriends@aol.com>

South Dakota Birth Records Available on Internet Site

South Dakota birth records from the 1800s are available free on a new Internet site by the state Health Department. About 74,000 births took place in the state between 1806 and 1899 are listed on the site. Most records are from the 1880s and 1890s. The site is located at: <www.state.sd.us/doh/vitalrec/birthrecords/index.cfm>.

This issue's message from "Cousin" David - - -

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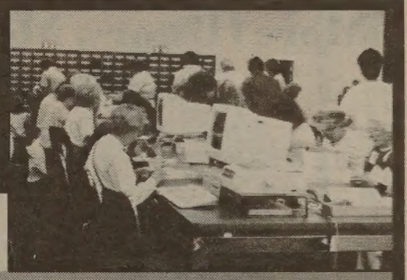

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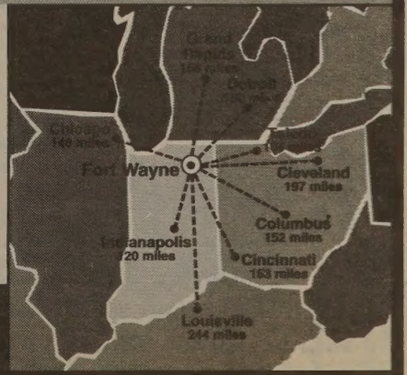

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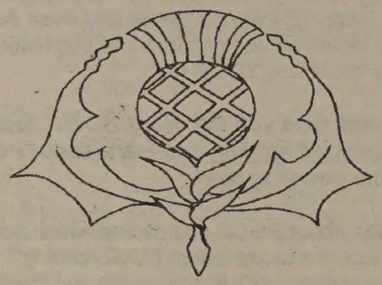

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The origins of the Garifuna

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European colonists called them Black Caribs.

More than 100,000 Carifunas have migrated to the United States.

Garifuna parents fear assimilation. The Garifuna defined themselves not by a country or territory, but by language and culture. Retaining them has became central to ethnic survival. Since the African castaways spoke many different languages, the South American Arawakan language became their adopted language. Leaders such as Roy Cayetano, Clifford Palacio, Jorge Bernardez, and Tomas Zuniga are organizing support activities, in English, Spanish, and Garifuna. Marciana Lauriel stated, "If you don't teach kids about their roots and culture, they change completely, and in the end they don't know who they are or where they're from."

With thanks to *Somos Primos.*

With love: Gifting your stories to the future

The power of story is something we often underestimate. Any story that is shaped from real human experience carries a lot more than new facts and events. The "few facts" have been chosen because they matter. Others have been discarded because they don't (or the story would be interminable).

The facts are organized and given their meanings by the story. The person who decides what matters and creates the story has a lot of power because, once you've heard the story, you can never unhear it.

The truth is that different things matter to different people, and in different ways. If two people walk to the corner and back together, and each writes an account of it, their accounts will differ: try it with a friend if you doubt it.

Each person will have noticed different things, depending on their interests, values and the things they already knew. Because story often reveals much about a person who tells it, the easiest way for two people to get to know each other can be to share each other's stories. As different people see things differently, so do different cultures.

Captain John Smith's story of how Pocohontas saved him from death is well known. But there is evidence that Chief Powhatan saw the same events as a normal ritual of adoption to secure Smith's loyalty and support. What Smith saw in Christian terms as an act of sacrifice and salvation, Powhatan saw in pagan terms as symbolizing death and rebirth. The parallels are fascinating.

All of the world's political, social, and religious systems are knitted together by various sorts of story. National identity is formed by the stories we hear about our nation; a scientific theory is really only a story in academic clothing.

"Only" a story? Forget the outpouring of nonsense from the entertainment industry. Good stories are not about giving us a brief buzz. Good stories help us to make good decisions; they help us to fill our daily lives with meaning, purpose and understanding, and help us to make decisions quickly and effectively.

Bad stories (ones that are not shaped by real human experience), like bad recipes, simply don't work.

When we write down our stories, from our own experience, and hand these on to our descendants, we are passing on something of real power and value. It is something we have responsibility to do; it is something we must do.

If you are having any difficulty with the actual writing, here are some things to bear in mind: The sort of writing you find easiest is almost sure to be the sort of writing you do best: it's enjoyable because it works. The sort of things that work well for you in conversation will work well in your writing.

Write the way you talk

Make writing enjoyable. Take it in small bits and turn it into a game. Don't rewrite: rewriting turns writing into a miserable way to spend time. It slows you down. It erodes your confidence. It isn't worth it.

Ignore criticism. Everyone will have their own opinions, but you can't write by committee.

If your critics are so smart, tell them to write their own stories down.

In forthcoming issues of *The Family Tree*, I'll cover more of the ideas from the 'With Love' workshops and give you as much help as I can.

I love doing these workshops and, if at any point you'd like to be in touch, write me at: The Wesley Manse, Shiedlhill Road, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk, Scotland, FK2 ODT, or e-mail meplease at any time at: <Mike.Paterson@btinternet.com>.

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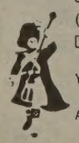

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We regret any inconvenience it may have caused if you received a copy of the Scotland edition.

Chiefs in attendance at the memorial service to honor Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh were Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, The Very Right Rev. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, John Shaw of Tordarroch and John Mackintosh of Mackintosh. Shown above is the president of Clan Mackintosh of North America, Nick McIntosh.

The memorial honoring Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh at Moy Hall

A bright sun was out to honor Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh on Friday, August 6, 1999 as were fifty Clan Chattan members present for the memorial at Moy Hall, Inverness-shire, Scotland. The half mile procession to the Loch Moy site was led by his son, John Lachlan Mackintosh, the 31st Chief of Clan Mackintosh. Joining him at the front of the Clan march were the Chiefs John Shaw of Tordarroch, Sir William Macpherson, and The Very Right Reverend Allan Maclean.

Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh, designed the site with the assistance of Hector Macdonald Architects. This site, which overlooks Loch Moy, the island, Moy Hall, and the hills beyond was a favorite place of the Chief. He would often go there to reflect on matters. Among the engravings on the waist high memorial wall of stone is "Lachlan - 30th Chief, he loved this place." Lachlan Mackintosh was also the Lord lieutenant of Inverness-shire.

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Holcomb in Thomasville, GA

Brent Howard Holcomb will conduct a Saturday workshop on November 13, 1999 at the Library in Thomasville, Georgia.

The workshop is designed for intermediate and advanced genealogists. The fee is $25 for members and $30 for non-members and must be received by November 8. The fee does include a brown bag lunch.

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All clan members are urged to gather at the tent sponsored by Clan Forrester Society at 12:30 PM. Among the business meeting a "dinner on the grounds" picnic will be spread. Pack a basket with a special dish and eating paraphernalia.

Everyone is invited to take part in this festive occasion.

The allied family of Carstarphen/Corstorphine, deriving their names from the location of a Forrester estate, is also encouraged to come to an Annual Meeting.

If you would like additional information about the Annual Meeting, please call Jerry or Betty Forrester at (770) 466-8134, Will or Sonia Newman at (770) 985-9275, or you may wish to use email at <clanforrester@juno.com>.

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Funding is now in place for the £450,000 centre which will open in the summer of 2000. The funding has come from the National Lottery, Western Isles Enterprise/LEADER11, Western Isles Council, the Pilgrim Trust, the Esme Fairbairn Trust, the Gannochy Trust and the Hugh Fraser Foundation as well as Bill Lawson's donation, valued at £500,000. The centre will house exhibitions about Hebridean topics and there will be an educational facility, linked to the new University of the Highlands and Islands, as well as a genealogy research service.

Norman Morrison, who works for Co Leis Thu?, will be the Research Assistant and Bill Lawson will continue as consultant to the Trust.

Peter MacDonald sends more clippings!

Our good friend, Peter MacDonald from the Isle of Skye in Scotland, has sent along another packet of clippings from the Scottish newspapers. If you'd like copies of these interesting clippings, just send along a SASE. If you send a little envelope, you'll get a few...if you send along a big envelope, we'll send lots.

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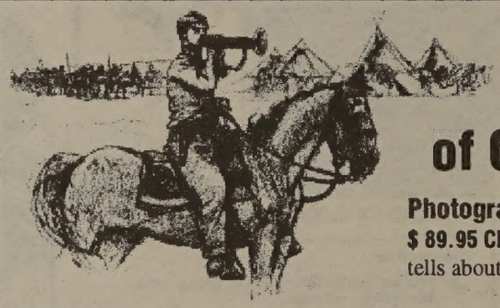

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It is an architectural feature of many old Channel Island houses that will be of interest to family historians, sometimes referred to as Marriage Stones. The initials of a husband and wife and a date were often carved on a piece of granite and use as a lintel about the front door. These stones rarely commemorate a marriage however, but usually mark the inheritance, construction or alteration of a building. The carvings may not always appear as a lintel, but may be a dated stone on a chimney or the corner of a house. Many are no longer used, but have been incorporated into wall, or used as a garden ornament, bench or step.

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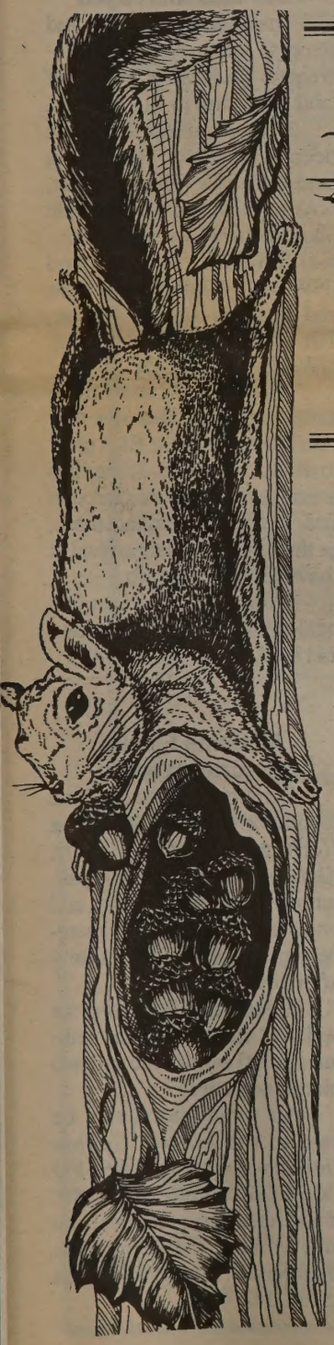

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This reunion is open to all descendants of Isaiah Cone who settled in Madison County, Florida in 1830. His descendents number thousands in the local area. Bring photos, news items of family and family tree information.

Contact Jim Cone at (912) 923-1872 or Justina Cone in Greenville, Florida at (850) 948-3841 for further information.

Hughes/Johnson reunion set for October

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For further details contact Joanne Hughes Lusk, 406 Lake Front Drive, Warner Robbins, GA 31088-4080. 912-923-2076 or email at <rdkent@ix.net com.>.

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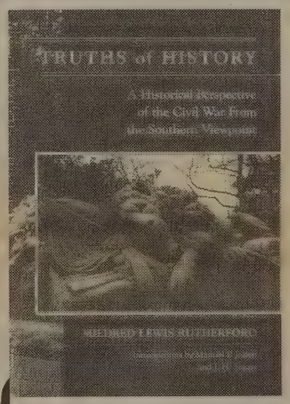

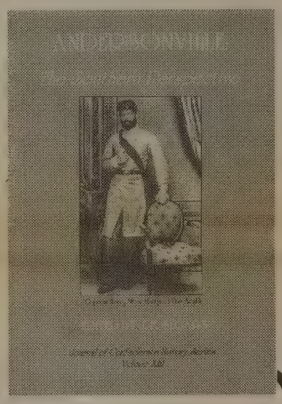

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Some of the names came from a list of unclaimed Swiss bank accounts released by the Swiss government. The others are from a collection at the Austrian State Archives in Vienna.

When the Germans occupied Vienna, Austria, in 1938, they required all Jewish residents to complete a detailed declaration of valuables, including insurance policies, bank accounts, real estate, art and other possessions. The declarations are the files held in the Vienna archives.

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The Karliner Legacy

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A Recap of Previous Parts of This Saga

Part One - I wrote about how I started my quest for Karliner family information by 1) assembling my own family tree to see what I knew and what I needed to find; 2) doing basic library research in books about the origin of the name, in books about the ancestral towns of people with that surname, and 3) by writing to others with the Karliner surname, whether doing genealogical research or not.

After all that, I assembled all my random tidbits of Karliner information gathered over the years from my family, the Family History Library's microfilm records, old German newspapers, and lists of Holocaust victims and survivors from the U.S. Memorial Holocaust Museum.

Once armed with all that, I was fortunate enough to meet my genealogical "angel" - Benjamin Karliner.

Part Two - Ben Karliner and I started assembling family trees from my random bits of information, his tenacious phone calling, emailing and writing campaign to his relatives and all the Karliners on telephone lists from the Internet. We then went to JewishGen's website to gather any family trees already submitted to Family Tree of The Jewish People (see <www.jewishgen.org>).

We started to see naming patterns (both secular and Hebrew) in the various Karliner families; we saw common professional choices; and we noticed common places of origin for many of the families we found.

Part Three - The history of the Karliner family from a seminal work called *Pinsk Historical Volume, History of the Jews of Pinsk 1506-1941* was recounted. This book confirmed previous thoughts about the Karliner's choices of professions in the liquor and timber businesses.

It gave me a rabbinic genealogy that showed the origins of the name Karliner.

They were the original Hassidic dynasty in Pinsk and Karlin, and called themselves Karliner when they left their ancestral homes in Karlin to all parts of Europe, including the other areas of Poland and Germany.

Knowing the Karliner history in the broader picture of world history helped explain their migrations and choices of hometowns.

Part Four

Have you ever been so immersed in studying your family's history that you started day dreaming about the tree-lined streets they walked along, saw the little school house they went to, smelled the bread baking in their shtetl's bakery and could almost hear praying in their little wooden schul on Saturday morning?

That's what happened to me as I began delving deeper into the Karliner legacy. From the *The Jews In Russia And Poland* by S. M. Dubnow in 1916: "Only in the suburb of Pinsk, in Karlin, the Hasidim succeeded in establishing themselves firmly, and could boast of having their own synagogues and Tzaddiks (righteous wisemen).

Karlin became the seat of a Hasidic propaganda extending all over Lithuania, where Hasidim were accordingly nicknamed, "Karliners."

I thought this is where our search should begin.

Now, all we had to do was connect all the Karliner family trees to these pious men and bridge the gap of about 100 years until we rediscovered the Karliners in the 1800s.

We have genealogical trees with family origins in pre-WW II Germany's Upper Silesia region (Beuthen, Windeck, Tarnowitz, Tworog, Pless, Neu Berun, Deutsch-Weichsel, Dziedzkowitz), in Galicia/Austria-Hungary (Brotchen, Stanislawow, Bohorodczany, Drohobycz, Bialystok, Zambrowa), in the Ukraine (Stepan), and Poland (Zambrova, Bialystok, Chizeva, Yablinka*).

**All towns are called here by their pre-WW II names.*

According to *The Jews In Russia And Poland*, there was a great distinction between the spiritual life of the northwestern Jews in Lithuania and White Russia and the Jews to the southwest in Poland and the Ukraine. Rabbinic scholars and their influences reigned supreme in the north, while in Podolia, Galicia and Volhynia in the south, the Jewish masses departed from this tradition.

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It must have been in this environment that the Karliner families adopted their religious beliefs from the very Orthodox to the secular.

Most Karliners, however, tended to maintain their attachment to Rabbinic Judaism.

Although it was common for Jews in Europe to be tavern keepers, distillers, timber traders, and forest superintendents, there was a greater proportion of these professions in the early Karliner families, especially the wealthy ancestors from Karlin.

My family's occupations reflected the same tendencies.

My great-great-great grandfather, Salomon Karliner was in the timber business.

My great-great grandfather, Oskar Karliner was a forest superintendent in 1886 (revealed in a birth certificate of his granddaughter).

My great grandfather was a tavern keeper and distiller (as were his siblings and relatives in other towns) in Beuthen for many years until he was deported to Bukowno concentration camp with his wife in 1942.

He was a very religious man.

My grandfather escaped the mold and was a "jack-of-all-trades," owning a car dealership

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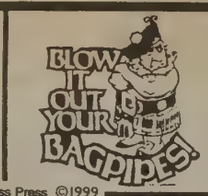

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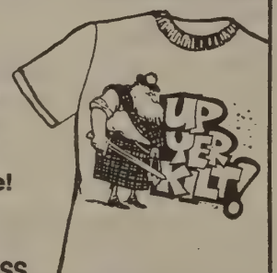

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Dear Editor

The August/September issue of *The Family Tree* (pp. 18b and 15b) carries an article on the Choctaw "code talkers" of World War I, based upon information from the *Bryan County Heritage Quarterly*. You appended to the Article, "Let's write our Washington representatives and ask that they [Native American "code talkers"] be posthumously honored. You might want to send along a copy of this article to help."

While it may not be the posthumous honor you had in mind, I do want to assure you that the contribution of the Choctaw (and other Native American "secure communicators" in WW I and II) has not been forgotten by "official Washington."

The relatively new (1993) National Cryptologic Museum at Fort George G Meade, MD, between Washington and Baltimore, has a dedicated exhibit area recalling this service by Choctaw and other tribes, including that of the Navaho "code talkers" of the U.S. Marine Corps in WW II. (While Choctaw and other Native American languages may have sounded like code to the Germans of WW I, my understanding is that the Choctaw and others were simply speaking in their native tongue, "in the clear."

The experience is said to have resulted in postwar Germans studying "obscure American Indian languages."

The USMC Navaho Code Talkers of WW II, on the other hand - and I believe this was the origin of the term, code talker - not only spoke Navaho, but substituted code equivalent words, such as "hawk" for reconnaissance planes instead of speaking "in the clear."

There is also a kiosk-type exhibit in the E-ring of the Pentagon dedicated to the USMC code talkers. The National Cryptologic Museum is open to the public except on Sundays and holidays. It is supported publicly by the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation, a nonprofit, membership-supported educational organization, PO Box 1682, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-9998.

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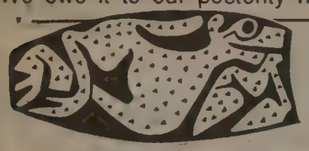

National Cherokee Library gets contribution for VA Hospital Patient Library in Atlanta

The Baker and Taylor Company, a distributor of books located in Commerce, Georgia has made another donation of books to the National Cherokee Library in Moultrie, Georgia.

The books will be forwarded to the in-house patient library at the VA Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

This is the second consecutive year that Baker and Taylor has made a donation for this purpose.

Angela Sanford, Native American Cultural Co-Cordinator for the VA Hospital said that they are happy to receive the gift. "It is wonderful to know that these men here are not forgotten. We are so happy to have this association with the National Cherokee Library," she said.

Laureen Sauls of Commerce, GA is the Director for the National Cherokee Library, and Marcia Pickands of Delmar, NY is the Assistant Director. Both are working to develop NA programs for the patients there and possibly network them to other facilities that care for NA patients.

A computer networking system where patients can do genealogical research, and use tele-linking to communicate with other NA people is being discussed.

The National Cherokee Library received recognition from President Clinton and his White House Staff last year.

For more information on the National Cherokee Library or to make a contribution, write: The National Cherokee Library, C/O The Southern Band of Cherokees, P.O. Box 326, Commerce, GA 30530. Or you can contact Laureen by using her e-mail at: <Findsauls@aol.com>, or you may contact Marcia at: <Paipaihe@aol.com>.

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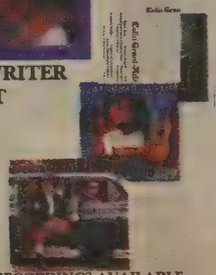

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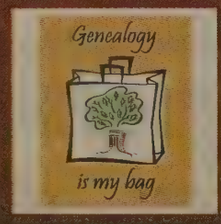

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Scottish Harp Scholarship Winner Announced

Lily Smigen-Rothkopf, age fourteen and a Sliver Spring, Maryland resident, has been awarded the 1999 Ethel K. MacNeal Scholarship for Scottish Harp, sponsored and funded by the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc. (COSCA)

Ms. Rothkopf was announced the winner during the Scottish Harp competition at the Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, North Carolina.

The $400.00 annual Scholarship will be used by Ms. Rothkopf to further her harp education and instruction. She has been a harp student for the past five years and has given many performances and won numerous awards in harp competition. The latest performance given was in conjunction with National Tartan Day celebrations in April, 1999.

Lily also plays the piano and is a student at Calvert School, a member of the Scottish Harp Society and The Clan Hamilton Society. She wants to continue performing with the harp, playing in harp competitions and to eventually make her own CD and give concerts and workshops.

The Scottish Harp was often a hereditary office, harpers were expected to follow their clan chiefs to battle, chronicle the historical exploits of the family in sagas set to music and to maintain the family genealogical records.

Royce Neil McNeill, administrator for the Ethel K. MacNeal is now accepting applicants for the 2000 scholarship until March 31, 2000. Application forms may be obtained by contacting: COSCA, Ethel K. MacNeal Scottish Harp Scholarship, 1824 Stoneyridge Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28214-8341.

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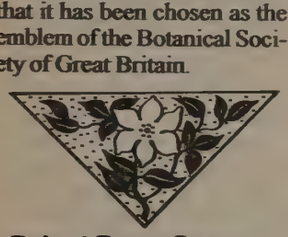

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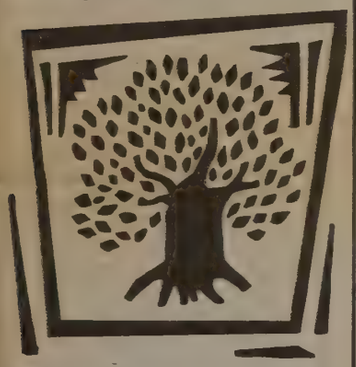

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and vulcanizing plant while maintaining a license as a driving instructor in Oppeln. After his emigration to Hollywood, California in 1940 via London, he could only earn a living working as a mechanic, but was an inventor and tinkerer, and designed a liquor store with my father as the draftsman. So he came full circle back to the liquor business.

As a result of keeping, in my files, a bits of Karliner information (a Silesian newspaper's anniversary and Bar Mitzvah announcements, obituary notices, etc.), of going to Poland to do research and finding what I think are the names of my Karliner great-great grandparents, and having Ben Karliner see that two of our Karliner trees had a common name, I was able to link my family to that of Pedro Karliner in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The final clue was a wedding certificate (found in the Katowice, Poland archives in 1997) of ASCHER CARLINER, from Dziedzkowitz, son of SALOMON KARLINER, who married ROSALIE (AKA Raisel and Rosalia) FREUND.

In the 1990s I asked the Polish genealogical research organization, PIAST, to find the parents of my great grandfather, MORITZ KARLINER. They found his marriage record that stated his parents were OSKAR KARLINER and ROSALIE FREUND. I made the assumption that ASCHER was Oskar's Hebrew name because of all the other corroborating evidence.

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Frank Shaw, editor of *Clach na Faire*, sent a copy of a clipping he found in an old book he purchased.

The clipping is from *The Scotsman*, Monday, August 20, 1945.

The heading of "Pictures of the Jacobite Bi-Centenary Celebrations" is over five photographs taken near or close to the monument at Glenfinnan.

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The Scottish District Families Association elects Lloyd at Grandfather Mountain

The Scottish District Families Association held their annual meeting July 10, 1999 at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

New officers were elected including Judi Lloyd as president, Jeff McDaris as vice president, Homer Phifer as secretary, and Laura Myers as Treasurer.

The SDFA has been in existence for 2 years and was formed by COSCA (The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations) for people of Scottish descent who do not have a clan tie, but instead have a link to an area of Scotland. This is a situation for approximately 70% of people attending Scottish games and festivals.

Many Scottish districts and cities also have their own tartans. Additionally there are two American tartans and several state tartans which can be worn.

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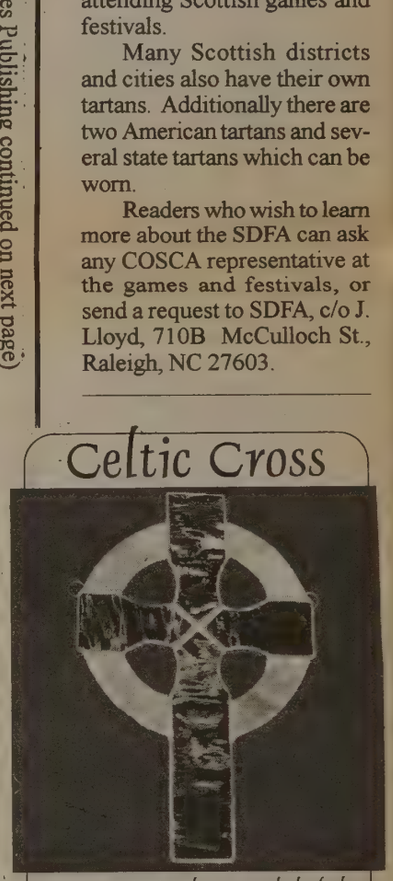

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Not only that, but, because of the error, the search facility does not recognize Sutherland, Scotland if entered in the County/Birth Place box in the format. This will not only cause problems when searching for individuals in Sutherland who may not show up as a consequence but could be extremely confusing for anyone who is not familiar with the details of the Scottish & English counties and parishes.

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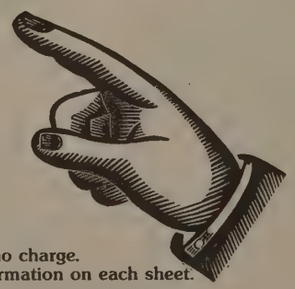

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<Genealogycenter.com> is a concise site that assists genealogist in three ways. Foremost, it highlights the Allen County Public Library and the immense collection of research materials housed in the second largest genealogical library in the United States. Secondly, it assists reunion planners and genealogy groups as they look for assistance in planning their upcoming meetings.

One of the most unique features of <www.genealogycenter.com> is *Branching Out*, a changing monthly column written by Curt Witcher, Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library. This column is a great educational resource for genealogists to return to each month, to learn about one of the many intricate facets of research.

The premier column is titled, "Sound Off - One, Two! Sound Off - Three, Four!" and focuses on the use of military records in genealogical research.

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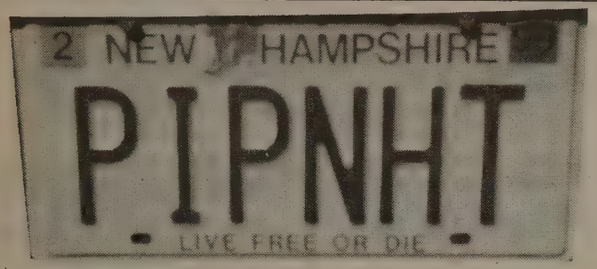

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Miranda Mabry, Marvelous Intern from Moultrie Tech, has really been a lifesaver this issue of *The Family Tree!* She has faithfully typed and filed and sorted and helped in a thousand ways! Miranda is now a graduate with her Accounting Certificate and will have a real job (with real pay).....but she will surely be missed! Thank you, Miranda!

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The trip will take the group to The Shetland Islands where - at that time of year - the best "birding" in the world is available for the naturalist; to the Orkney Islands and Hoy, to Edinburgh, to the Isles of Skye and Bute and much, much more. A special feature will be tea with renowned Scottish author, Nigel Tranter.

The group will also visit historic Rosslyn Chapel.

Beth will give short, informative genealogical talks some evenings and Mr. Gordon will give a running historical commentary as the group sees and experiences the real Scotland.

Marti Van Horne and Beth Gay have been friends since seventh grade and share a deep and abiding love of Scotland, its history and culture which they enjoy sharing with a small group of people each year.

If you would like more and complete information about this educational and culturally informative trip, contact Marti at <rdandmvh@aol.com> or Beth at the library.

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Tartan on Exhibit!

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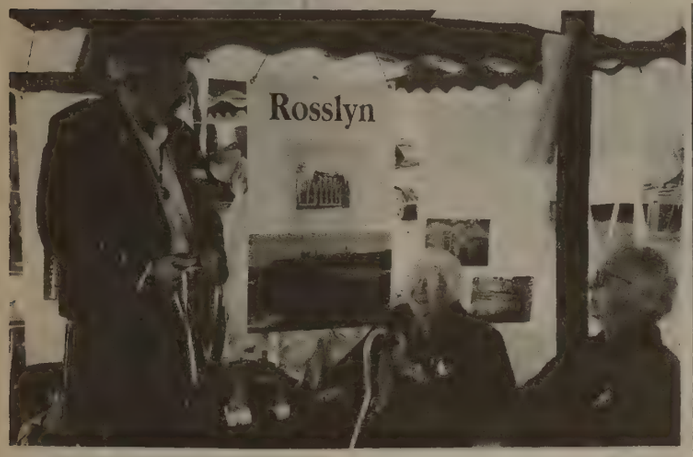

Brad Barker presents Clan Sinclair Life Memberships to two Sinclair sisters, Jane Comer (of Moultrie!) and Elsie Quarterman, who have attended the Grandfather Mountain Games for over 23 years (before there was an official Clan Sinclair).

Miss Elizabeth Rose calls for Clan Gathering for July, 2000

The Rose Clan Millennium Gathering at Kilvarock Castle under the patronage of Miss Elizabeth Rose of Kilvarock, 25, Chief, will take place between 3 PM and 6 PM on Saturday July 29, 2000.

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Dwight Cochrane is Commissioner of Georgia and can be reached at 703-769-1715 oryou might wish to use his e-mail: <HIRAMDVM@AOL.COM> He can give you further information.

Cochrane's contact, 503 Ronnie Court, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

The Fourth Annual Braveheart Classic Golf Tournament Scheduled for Friday October 29th

The Fourth Annual Braveheart Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday the 29th of October. It will be held at the Wilmington Island Golf Club this year with a 08:30 AM shotgun starting time. The cost per golfer will be $65 or $260 per team. A box lunch and beverages will be available as well as the other past amenities.

Line up your golfing friends NOW. For more information contact Bruce Kittle at 912-786-0670.

Clan Gordon calls members and associated families to a Highland Homecoming

A call has gone out from the ancestral home of the Clan Gordon and the Gordon Highlanders to its members and associated families around the world.

They are being invited to attend Gordon 2000, a millennium celebration of Scottish culture and heritage which will take place August 4-6, 2000.

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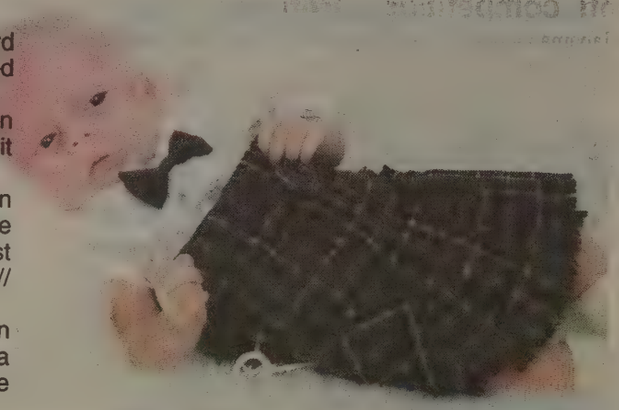
Tartan jammie dresses up!

Harold Pont sent along this photograph of Edward Hammond showing the unmistakable signs of an advanced case of the dressed up version of "Tartan Jammie."

Mr. Pont writes that Edward has ancestors in Clan McMillan and that he slept in his little kilt, and wore it everywhere he went. He was christened in the tiny kilt.

Mr. Pont asks that anyone who has any information about Edward's 8th grandfather, William S. McMillan please contact him. If you wish to write: Harold Pont, 206 East 100 North, Clearfield, UT 84015-2208 or you visit <http://members.tripod.com/Harold_Pont/McMillan.html>

If you have been caught by the camera in your tartan pajamas, nightshirt or nightgown...be sure and send us a copy of the photograph with the details of the Tartan Jammie attack!



MacBear from Corpus Christi, Texas waiting with a friend for his "Parentz" to come home from yet another Genealogical Adventure. Tom & Kathy Kimes belong to MacBear and Friend.

Woman's Relief Corps national convention next August

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A new book uses antebellum records to describe the lives of South Carolina slaves *The Many Faces of Slavery* by Alexia Jones Helsley and Patrick McCawley of the South Carolina Department of Archives & History is now available.

It is 168 pages with an index, photos, illustrations, and document facsimiles. The rich collection of documents in South Carolina's archives illuminates almost every facet of life throughout the state's history. In this new publication from the Department of Archives and History, historians Alexia Jones Helsley and Patrick McCawley have selected eleven documents from the archives pertaining to antebellum slavery.

Only a fraction of the thousands of documents available on slavery, these eleven provide a variety of insights into the lives and deaths of South Carolina's enslaved African American population. They examine religious life, crime and punishment, sexual relationships, and the struggle for family survival.

One particularly poignant example is the case of Lucy Andrews, a free woman of color from Lancaster County. In 1859 she petitioned the General Assembly to allow her to voluntarily enter into slavery rather than continue as a destitute free person.

Several of the documents in this collection attest to the difficult lives of both free and enslaved African Americans during this period in history. A facsimile of each document is included in this book, accompanied by a transcription and an essay, which places the document into the context of its day. Images of pertinent people, places and objects help illustrate the documents' contents. Notes for teachers and bibliography offer suggestions for further study.

The Many Faces of Slavery is available for $14.25, plus $1.25 shipping, from the South Carolina Archives and History Center. To order, contact Carrie Bassett at (803) 896-6191 or you might like to email Ms. Bassett at <bassett@scdah.state.sc.us>

Alabama Genealogical Society presents competition certificate

The Alabama Genealogical Society magazine was selected as the best in the genealogical society - bound newsletter (magazine format) category. The magazine received perfect 10s in the following categories: help to the readers, general interest of articles, and general layout. It also received 9s for most other categories.

Some judges' comments included: "Excellent technical and general interest presentation" and "A treasure of information."

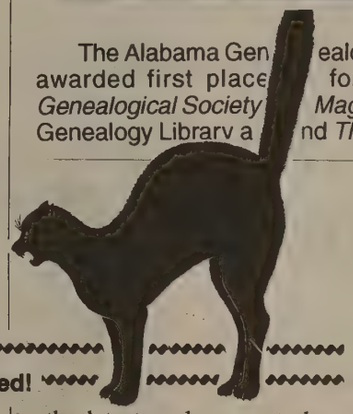
Also honored with this award was the Alabama Genealogical Magazine editor, Marcia K. Smith Collier of Titus, Alabama. Mrs. Collier attributes the success of the magazine to all the persons who submitted articles, records, letters, books and queries as well as the persons who index, label, and mail each issue of the magazine.

Upon accepting the award from the Alabama Genealogical Society President, Aline Anderson, of Hoover, Mrs. Collier said, "I am happy to be a part of the Alabama Genealogical Society and the award-winning *Alabama Genealogical Magazine*."

Board members attending the presentation of the award were: Aline Anderson, Emily Brawner, Tom Caldwell, Marcia Collier, Frances Etheredge, Bill Gamble, Stella Gamble, Martha Geyer, Jyl Hardy, John Kent, Mildred Kent, Kent Lewis, Sue Steele-Mahaffey, Nancy Robinson and Ray Walker.

The Alabama Genealogical Society is headquartered at Samford University Library. Membership and other information may be obtained by writing AGS, Samford University Library, PO Box 2296, Birmingham, AL 35229-0001.

The Alabama Gen ealogical Society, Inc., recently was awarded first place for their publication, *Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine*, by the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library a nd *The Family Tree*.



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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE LAND RECORDS 1755—1762. Carol J. Garrett. Consists of the following records: Deeds Volume S1: 1755—1760 and Deeds Volume T1: 1760—1762. 248 pp., index, paper. 1999 [T2054] $20.00

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LAND RECORDS OF KING GEORGE, VIRGINIA 1721-1743. Sue Ann Damron. King George County, Virginia was formed from Richmond County in 1721. Abstracts from land records, the earliest in the county, have been taken from a microfilm copy of Deed Books 1 and 2. 261 pp., index, paper 1999. [T0083] $21.50

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Jane Douma Pearson in Indian River

Indian River Genealogical Society will present Jane Douma Pearson at the Indian River Genealogical Society Annual February Seminar.

The seminar will be held at Indian River Estates West, 700 State Road 60, Vero Beach, Florida on Saturday, February 12, 2000. Luncheon will be served.

Contact Marilyn Boyle, 4000 N A-1-A Unit 901, Fort Pierce, FL 34949

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Old Bunchome County Genealogical Society is holding its Annual Genealogy Fair

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John E. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia who gave us *The Story of Georgia.*

Mrs. Wilma F. Darbyshire of Moultrie, Georgia gifted us with *Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Parish Lines Diocese of Virginia, Religion and the American Revolution in North Carolina* and *A Complete Guide to Pre-1904 County Records in the Virginia State Library and Archives.* Thank you!

We appreciate *The McEachern & McDougal Families - Scotland to America* care of Mrs. W. C. Trotter, Jr. of Greenville, Mississippi. Thank you!

Our thanks for *The Johnsons of St. George, Georgia* which was given to us by Viva Jean Johnson Outterson of Deland, Florida. Thank you for your kindness.

A Survey of Brooks County Cemeteries was given to the library in memory of Mrs. Alyce McCall by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tyson of Bainbridge, Georgia. Thank you.

William Truner Durban, Jr. of Macon, Georgia has given us a copy of *The Elusive Turner Clan.* Thank you.

We received *Glimpses of the Past - The River Clyde all the way from Iverclyde, Scotland.* We appreciate it, Robert MacKenizie. Yours was a generous gift.

Thank you for the *Family History and Tree, Bridges, Strong, Handcock,* which was received from Jarome W. Haggins of Sackets Harbor, New York.

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If you wish to donate a book or materials to the library, just send them to The Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. If you wish to send items UPS or FedEx: 204 5th St., SE, Moultrie, GA 31768.

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit genealogical information available

The Complete (As Possible) Genealogical History of the Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit: November 30, 1849 to May 4, 1998 has been completed by Society member Fred Dunbar Wessells.

The document has been donated to the Odom Genealogy Library as well as the Newberry Library in Chicago, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library and the Mormons' Family Search Center in Detroit and Salt Lake City.

The documents are a compilation of Society records, all of which now reside in Detroit's Burton Historical Collection, and a wealth of additional material submitted by current and past members. The document contains substantial information on the 3,525 individuals initiated into the Society during that time period. The complete document is contained on one diskette in Word 97 format in 24 separate files, numbering 262 total pages.

Readers may order the history, on diskette only, for $25 - of which $10 will be donated to the Society. Checks/money orders should be made payable to Fred Wessells and orders mailed to him at: 18793 Kenosha St., Harper Woods, MI 48225-2127.

Thank you, Mr. Wessells! We are proud to be one of the repositories of your great work.

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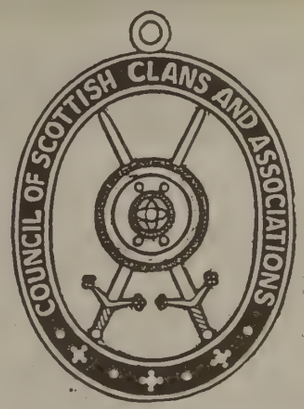

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Each man kills the thing he loves

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logical project with the archives assistant.

The Eastman Federal Archives are open 8 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday with a 4 PM until 8 PM session on Tuesday evenings.

You may call 404-763-7477 to make reservations or for more information.

Each Federal Archives around the United States makes its own policies. Check before you visit any of these facilities.

You may access the archives at <www.nara.gov> on the Internet for information concerning all of the sites around the country.

New 800 Number for Delaware Tribal Headquarters

A new toll free 800 number will make access to the Delaware Tribal Headquarters easier for Delawares living out of the 918 area code . The number is now in effect. It is 800-700-9870. When you dial the number, you will hear a recorded message that will give you instructions on reaching the department you wish.

How to register as a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

To find out if you are eligible to be a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is a simple matter. You must first have a direct ancestor (no aunts, uncles of cousins count) on the *Dawes Roll.* If your ancestor is on any of the other rolls and not on the Dawes roll you are out of luck. The enrollment period was 1899-1906. If a lady was single during the enrollment time, then look for her maiden name.

If you are successful in locating a direct ancestor and wish to register as a tribal member, you have to prove your relationship. You send for a CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Membership at the same time. The tribal registration office is the judge as to the proof that is necessary to document your claim. The CDIB card is very important to those of you wishing to claim Indian preference for government contracts or for receiving certain benefits.

Certified birth certificates offer the most acceptable proof of birth and parentage. Birth and death certificates are not acceptable proof of blood degree, the Dawes Roll is the only authority for that information. If you are adopted, the Office considers only the biological parents. Oklahoma issued very few certificates before 1917, since it was formed in 1907. In the book *Our Native Americans*, by E. Kay Kirkham, she states to obtain a 90% chance of finding a birth and/or death certificate for a native Oklahoman allow for the year 1928.

Remember solid and convincing evidence is needed.

The registration department is located at the W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex in Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465. There are several good researchers on Cherokee surnames, if you will contact me, I will be happy to give you some names. Contact Jean Belew, 770-382-6676 or e-mail: <jbelew@bellsouth.net>

Scottish Weekend,
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east USA Correspondent for Scotland on Sunday, etc.), E. Randall Floyd, author of several bestselling books and a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist, Chuck Bearman representing TECA, Andy Mowatt, Valerie Gray representing SHUSA, Kitty Carroll and her hawks and falcons, Ward Weems and a special program by our honoured Clans, Clans Elliott and Clan Gordon.

Weems & Sons will have their books in the auditorium all day and Mowatt's Scottish Classics will bring their store for all to enjoy. The entertainers will be in the children's library for tape sales and autographs and photographs. Of course, the library will be open for genealogists to search for their ancestors.

Bob Edgar, from Oregon, will return with his presentation.

The Centerville Volunteer Pipes and Drums from Centerville, Georgia, and the SAMS unit from Savannah, Georgia will lead the ceremonies Saturday evening at the Gala Ceilidh and Banquet (still at the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition site, but in a larger building) where entertainers, Carl Peterson, Eric Duncan, George & Carol Worthley, Colin Grant-Adams and Rixey and MacMillan will bring Scottish magic to Moultrie. The all-you-can-eat-seafood buffet and a little 10th birthday celebration for *The Family Tree*, plus door prizes and the Bonniest Knees Contest will round out the evening.

On Sunday there will be a special Kirkin' o' the Tartan at the First Presbyterian Church in Moultrie followed by a home-cooked luncheon for all. The Rev. Dr. Hugh Buchanan Ward is planning a lovely and meaningful service.

Tickets are $55 each until February 15. For this event only, we are able to accept major credit cards, but there is a $5 charge if you wish to use a credit card. We must limit the crowd to the first 300 who register, so, don't be disappointed, register today.

Just send your name, address, phone number and other information you wish on your name tags to: Scottish Weekend 2000, Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. Call Beth at the library if you wish more information (912-985-6540).

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News from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

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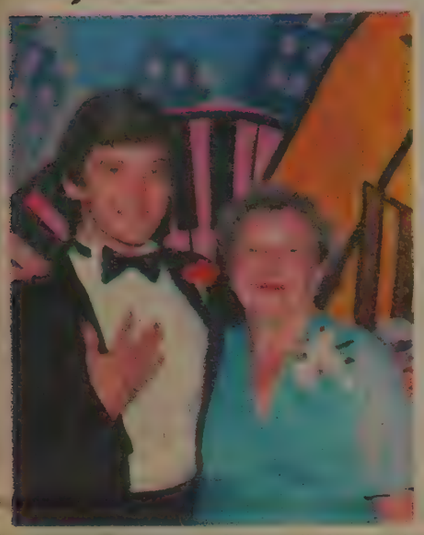
Miz Ellen's Scrapbook



Here's Miz Ellen with one "of her kids" that she was so proud of! This is Clay Newton who went on to study at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama and received his Bachelor of Music Education from the College of Fine Arts.

Clay has been Independent Living Program Coordinator for older foster youth at the Colquitt County Department of Family and Children Services since 1986, but fills his other hours as Music Director of the Hand Memorial United Methodist Church in Pelham, Georgia as well as with performing professionally with theatre companies. He has acted and danced and performed musically with such respected and renowned groups as the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, The Sheffield Ensemble Theatre in Biloxi, Mississippi, Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and the University of Missouri in Columbia.

In local theatre, Clay has over forty productions to his credit where he sang, acted, danced or directed performances.

Miz Ellen would have been so proud of Clay!

His beaming Mom, Jean, is bookkeeper for the libraries in Moultrie.

One of Miz Ellen's "kids" was the Executor of her estate...and many others went on to careers in agriculture, education, music, art and business. Miz Ellen worked closely in the 4-H program in Colquitt County for many years and considered the 4-H youngsters who participated as her very own.

Nina Ronshausen of Salem, Ohio tracks down the boney one to win!

Bunny Hummel of Newark, Delaware & Mrs. Johnnie Jo Dickenson of Huntsville, Texas find him to win big too! Congratulations!

Our *Family Tree* readers are great! Not only are they able to solve the most difficult puzzle...they can track down our Boney Guy every time!

This time, Intrepid Hunger Nina Ronshausen of Salem, Ohio has won the gift certificate from The Skeleton Closet...good for lots of genealogical forms and goodies!

Alan Irvine Cassettes featuring great Celtic stories have been won by Bunny Hummel, Newark, Delaware and Mrs. Johnnie Jo Dickenson of Huntsville, Texas thanks to their hunting expertise!

reunion magazine subscriptions have been won by those world renowned hunters, Gail Ingram, Knightdale, North Carolina; Clarice P. Wistrom, Rogers, Arkansas; Nelda Young, Jacksonville, Florida; Joan Campbell, Mosinee, Wisconsin; Mildred L. Salsbury, Los Alamitos, California; Tammy Y. Lyles, Remlap, Alabama; Don Mugruder, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Betty & Bruce Munro, Boonton, New Jersey; Mabel I. Robison, Salem, Oregon; Ruby Montgomery, Lexington, Kentucky; Carolyn Sutton, Cave Springs, Georgia; Betty B. Ragsdale, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. A. Hulick, Ardmore, Pennsylvania; Hughena House, Spokane, Washington and Catherine Adams, Manorville, New York.

Oatmeal Savage prize next time!

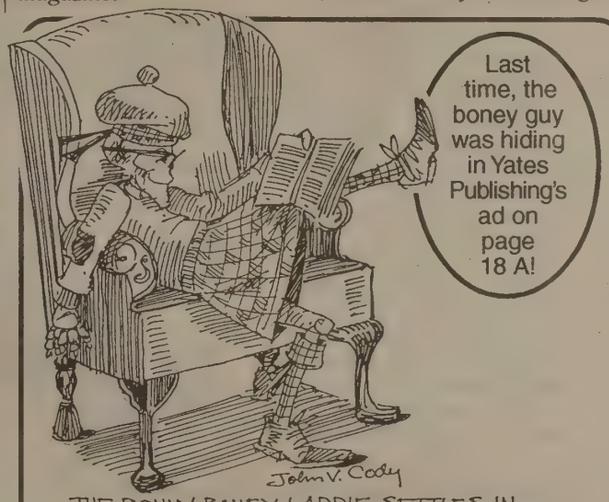
Loch Ness Press has made available an Oatmeal Savage T-shirt for our next Skeleton contest! It's a great t-shirt with a lovable oatmeal savage gracing the front! (If you'd like to order one...they are $14.95 plus $2.95 s/h from Loch Ness Press. Call them at 310-672-4333.)

Another winner will win a valuable gift certificate from The Skeleton Closet...and fifteen hunters will be rewarded for their hunting skills with subscriptions to *reunions magazine!*

Why???

We hunt our skeleton guy...just because it's fun! Genealogists sometimes get worried about finding that infamous "skeleton in their closet."

So...we take the worry and fuss out of genealogy and hide the skeleton in our pages! That way, you find him...laugh a little, maybe win a prize...and never, ever worry about finding a skeleton in your closet again!



THE BONNY BONEY LADDIE SETTLES IN TO READ HIS CLAN'S HISTORY. IT'S TOUGH TO GET COMFY WHEN YOU'RE ON THE BONEY SIDE... AND YES, HE WEARS HIS BALMORAL INSIDE; KEEPS HIS TOPPER WARM!

Special Bonus

"Wreathey" Skeleton Prize!

Miss Frances J. Munsey of Bluefield, West Virginia has won a lovely fresh Frasier Fur Christmas Wreath valued at $29.95 from Christmas Tree Hill Nursery (PO Box 112, Newland, NC 28657. Call 1-800-648-2815 if you'd like to order one for yourself!). The wreath will be shipped December 15, 1999 - just in time for the holidays!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR NAME BEING SOLD, LOANED, RENTED OR USED....

We've had several letters recently from readers worried about their names on our mailing list being sold, loaned, rented or otherwise used.

Please be assured that the mailing list for *The Family Tree* is never used for anything other than mailing this paper. We have given our word that the mailing list will always remain confidential...and it has been confidential, is confidential and will always be confidential..

So, If you find him?

If you look through the pages of *The Family Tree* and find our little feller hiding....just write down the page where he was lurking and send it to us on a postcard addressed to: Skeleton, *(Yes, he likes to get mail)*, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776.

About time for the next paper, we draw from all of the entries to find our prize winners. *(This time we had a stack of postcards about big enough for your editor to hide behind!)* The winning postcards are sent along to the prize givers...and the remainder go to our postcard collecting friend, Mr. Wayne Harvey of Scotia, New York! (By the way, Mr. Harvey reports he has found several rare and wonderful cards amongst our packets to him!)

Easy is the decent to Hell

SEARCHING FOR THOSE UNKNOWNS

Merle M Baker Trustee, Odom Genealogical Library,
Director of Evening & Off-Campus Programs Abraham Baldwin College, Tifton, Georgia

During the last few weeks several inquiries into how to go about finding an unknown ancestor in areas where the families were not sure of their existence, have come in to me. This can turn out to be quite interesting. Not only can it be very hard work but it can also be very time consuming.

Find a history book about the area during the period of time in which the person was supposed to be living there. It may take reading parts of several books such as county histories, state histories, or books on local subjects.

Search for maps of the area during the time period in which you are searching. This may take going to the state archives to find copies of earlier maps, but it will be worth your time. These early maps may give you clues to your ancestor, because some of these maps may include where people lived during the period of time which they represent.

One of the first things which I would suggest is to go to the census records if the period of time in which you are searching is 1920 or earlier. See if you can find the name of the person in the census index for the state in which you think that he resided. Don't narrow yourself down to a county or locality in the beginning. County lines change, and people move. Also, census takers through the years have made many mistakes.

I remember telling a lady several years ago to search the surrounding counties for her ancestor, but she would keep telling me, oh, no, he was in this county. It took taking a group to the Washington Genealogical Library in Macon, Georgia, where an assistant there told her to look at surrounding counties. She was willing to listen to her suggestion, and to her great surprise there was her ancestor in the county next door! In other words we often create mistakes by making our search too narrow. We are too sure that we know what we are talking about, but often we are proven wrong.

So, start with the index of the state. This may cause lots of additional work, but when you complete your work, you will more than likely know that the person is your ancestor!

Also, remember that you will not find members of the household listed in the census record until 1850. Recently, someone tried to convince me that their ancestor was listed in the census in the household of another person in 1840. I knew the information was incorrect. I finally found a census listing on Internet for the particular county in 1850. The transcriber had made a mistake. The person was not in the household that he was listed under. Two households were run together.

Always remember that transcribed information is only as reliable as the transcriber! This is the reason it is best to go to the original record. If you do not find your person in the census record, do not give up. He might have been skipped for some reason. So, you must go to other records.

Another good place to search is land records.

Especially in early America people wanted land, so many people owned land at one time or another. So, search the deed books of the counties where you are looking. Look in the grantor and grantee index. Again, where deeds have been transcribed there is room for many mistakes. Names may be misspelled or omitted completely.

Tax records are a source which people often overlook. They are very valuable sources of information. You will often find land quality, as well as quantity. If the tax record can't be found in the county or city, by all means contact the state archives.

Court records need to be researched.

Remember that you are reconstructing the lives of individuals. As a researcher and a historian, you need to be correct in your information, and at the same time you need to be thorough. It may take you some time to search the court records, but just think about what you will learn.

Probate records should never be overlooked.

Wills are very important to search, but always remember there are administrations of those estates without wills.

The minutes of the Probate Court sessions will sometime give important information. Always spend plenty of time in this area.

It is a good idea to contact the libraries in the areas in which your ancestor lived. They may have other suggestions as to where to look.

If there were newspapers in the vicinity, they are always good to search. Many newspapers, especially in the late nineteenth century will have community news, and your ancestor may be included. Remember that local newspapers may have information on the people and the history of the area during times of celebrations marking certain periods of time in the history of the area.

Church records should be searched. Always remember if you are a Presbyterian that does not mean that your ancestor was Presbyterian. Search all church records in the area. Some of the earlier church records in the south as well as other sections of the country may give you more information than you expect. Ancestors could be dismissed from church for many reasons, or they may be brought up before the church for some action, or for not attending church as they should.

If your ancestor was living in 1937 or later, you need to search the Social Security Death Index. This can be found in several places on the Internet. Go to a search engine and do a search for a social security death index. The index will include people who died only a short time ago. For example, the Social Security Death Index on Rootsweb. Com is updated monthly. It also gives information as to how to order additional materials on the person from Social Security. These sources may lead you to additional information.

Another dimension where you must look is on the Internet. Go to a search engine and for example, type in Cyndi's List. There is an abundance of suggestions, helps, and aids which will be very valuable in her list.

It is amazing how much material is becoming available on the Internet. It just takes an abundance of time to use your imagination and go searching the Internet for your ancestors.

If you have questions you may write to me at Absolom Baker Farm, 7451 Georgia Highway 37 E., Norman Park, Georgia 31771. Or e-mail me at <mbaker @ surfsouth.com>.

> "Remember that transcribed information is only as reliable as the transcriber!"

Y2K: Should you worry?

We are hearing so much these days about the potential computer disasters which could occur when the calendar advances to the year 2000. Although most of the concerns center around large computer systems over which we have no control, the personal computers we use for genealogy may also be at risk. The National Software Testing Labs have provided a web sit which may help you find out if your computer needs upgrading.

The Web address is: <http/www.nstl.com/html/nstl_ymark2000.html>

Click on Y2000 Testing Services and YMARK200. This site includes a program that you can download to check your computer, a question and answer section about common Y2000 concerns, a list of products that meet Y2000 compliance standards, and other 62K resources.

The general guidelines are that if your computer was manufactured after 1995 or if you don't use older software (genealogy, database, spreadsheet, accounting, etc.) then you probably won't have a problem. Also, all Apple Computer products are manufactured to be Y2K ready.

If you want to go immediately to the program which will

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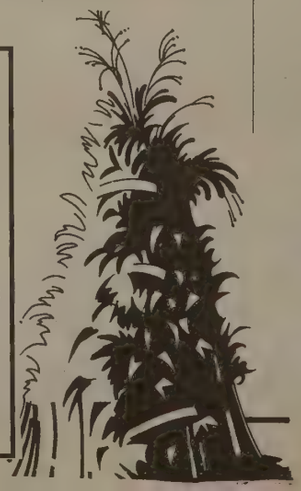

A letter from your editor

Dear Friends,

Once again you have "saved the day" with your marvelous and generous postage contributions. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your response means more than you will ever know.

I thought, because of your generous contributions, that we had finally turned the corner and could breathe a little. Then, the USPS raised the nonprofit mailing rates. We made it by the skin of our teeth this time...

Next time?

See? It never ends.

Your editor, Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot

So many of you have been so generous...but there are many readers who have never sent anything. As I have said before, if every single reader would only send $6.00 a year...wow.

Exciting things are happening here that will be announced later. Exciting things have happened in the almost ten years we have been doing this...but, "It's only just begun" as The Carpenters song once said - well, almost said.

Exciting things can only happen so long as we have your financial support.

As many times as I've written here that we have nobody but you...no "Sugar Daddies," no endowment, no safety net, no big bank account...still, sometimes folks will say, "But, Beth, you all have plenty of money?"

Don't I wish that were true!

The Odom Library is financially sound. Their endowment runs the library...pays the utilities and the staff (not including my little salary which comes from another very small endowment, the proceeds of the copy machine, etc.) and finances the tiny library book budget and other necessary "library things." (The Odom Library receives no public funds at all and operates strictly from the endowment and gifts from kind and generous friends of the library.)

The Family Tree is a financially separate entity and has absolutely no money from the library endowment, city, state, federal government or anywhere else.

Sometimes folks will say, "Well, why don't you charge subscriptions?"

Sounds good, doesn't it! But, things are not as simple as they sound.

If we charged for *The Family Tree*, we would have to hire several people to handle those subscriptions. We would have to buy computers and software. We would have to pay postage on those "Your subscription is expiring," "Your subscription has expired," "Send money before we stop sending *The Family Tree*" notices.

We need as many subscribers as possible for our advertisers.

We are, after all, a nonprofit library...with a solid premise of SERVICE to our patrons...and that includes the subscribers to *The Family Tree*. Not everyone can afford subscriptions to magazines and publications.

I often receive letters with dimes and nickels Scotch taped to little pieces of cardboard and letters that say, "Beth, *The Family Tree* has changed my life. I'm on a fixed income and can't afford to pay for subscriptions. I was lonely with no family and nobody until *The Family Tree* came along.

You published a query for me and now I get mail and phone calls...and my life is no longer lonely. Thank you for *The Family Tree*."

How can we not continue?

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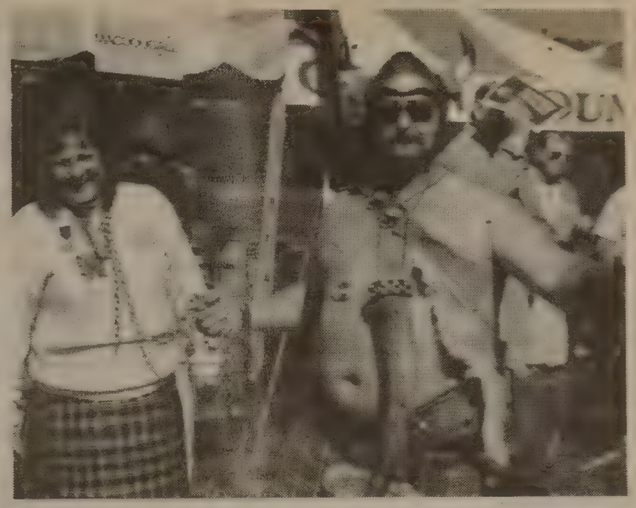
I wish I could figure out a way to write hugs into this letter...As it is, the best I can do is say that I owe each and every one of our marvelous Postage Heroes and supporters a great big hug and heartfelt thanks.

Love,
Beth



Editor captured by Mad Max! Ooops! Your *Family Tree* editor was caught at the recent Loch Norman Highland Games by Scottish character, Mad Max, who, after hearing your editor laugh and giggle, unchained her and sent her along her way, safe and sound - and still laughing! (*Actually, your editor just threatened to sing a song for Max...and was released immediately!*)

A retired Sgt. Major, Max is known far and wide as the beloved organizer of children's games within Scottish Highland Games.

The Match and how it came to be...

The match, sometimes called "Lucifer" because it smelled sulfur and fire, was invented by Alonzo D. Phillips of Springfield, Massachusetts, and patented in 1836.

No longer did a housewife have to nurse the coals in the fireplace overnight to be sure she would be able to cook or heat her home the next day.

Men no longer had to carry flints to light their pipes or campfires.

Fires could be made instantly, without trouble.

This little invention brought about many improvements for which we should be grateful.

With thanks to *Kinfolks*, Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 5652, Lake Charles, LA 70606-5652.

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Scotland shall be free

We weave the present
From ancestors past
Toward our
children's future free

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T.N. Thompson

Ceilidh book coming along nicely

If you have a favorite story, joke, poem, party-piece suitable for an old-fashioned Ceilidh...and would like to share...please send it along to The Odom Library Ceilidh Book, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776.

When we have collected sufficient material, we'll make the book available to all...

We thank everyone who has sent along their great material!

Are you Melungeon?

The Melungeon Health Education and Support Network - for descendants of Melungeon connected families who may inherit one of five Mediterranean illnesses has a new website. This site is devoted to educating the descendants and other of Mediterranean ancestry about these illnesses and provide support for those who suffer with them.

You might wish to go to the website for the group: <http://www.melungeonhealth.org>

HOPI: LAND AND LIFE

Kevin Cloud Brechner Special to *The Family Tree*

Continued from the June/July Family Tree

About 4,000 Dine' led by Manuelito, who had seen his father-in-law shot by U.S. troops, fled to the west and remained free for about two more years before starvation forced them to surrender. A small band led by Hoskinnini successfully escaped to the area around Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain, and was never captured.

Bosque Redondo was devastating to the Navajo people and their spirit. Disease, starvation, and the elements all took their toll, greatly reducing their numbers. The naive American plan was to turn them into farmers on about 40 acres of untillable soil. Finally in 1868 yet another treaty was created releasing the surviving Dine' and allowing them to walk back to lands around the Chuska Mountains in northeast "Arizona Territory." The genealogy of almost every Dine' living today traces to Bosque Redondo.

The Dine' call their land "Dine Bikeyah" or "Dinetah" which means "People's country." The Navajo reservation, formed in 1868, originally consisted of 6,120 square miles (15,912 sq km), but was expanded due in part to the efforts of Father Anslem Weber of St. Michael's Mission. The reservation now currently stands at about 25,000 square miles (64,750 sq km). The Navajo Nation is larger than the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, or West Virginia. Most of the Dine' land was originally within the Hopi domain, but U.S. federal decisions have reduced the Hopi people to a small island within the much larger Navajo reservation. Dinetah is hot, dry, and desolate and some of the most beautiful land in the world. It includes such awesome natural wonders as the Grand Canyon, Rainbow Bridge, Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, the Painted Desert, Window Rock, Ship Rock, and the petrified dinosaur tracks of Tuba City. Today, tourism is one of the major industries.

The Dine' have an elaborate matriarchal clan system. Fran Kosik writes, "When a Navajo baby is born, he or she belongs to the clan of the mother. The clan name passes on through her to her children. When a young man marries, it must be to someone completely outside of his clan.

Even though people in his clan are not all blood-related, it is considered inappropriate to marry within one's clan. The children are "born to" a woman's clan and take her clan name, and are "born for" a man's clan. Navajos precisely know who they are through identification by their mother's, father's, maternal grandfather's and paternal grandfather's clan. "Whenever one Navajo meets another, the appropriate etiquette is to introduce one's maternal and paternal clans on both sides of the family. In this way, it is possible to find a 'mother' or 'uncle' in a clan relative living hundreds of miles away and, therefore, a benefactor who will help you on your travels." (Kosik, 1996, p.20)

Harry Walters, a professor of Dine' Culture at Dine' Community College in Tsaile, estimates about 40-50 clans exist now, but more were around in historic times (personal communication). He said that each clan consists of four or more closely related clans. The marriage restriction to your mother's clan also applies to the closely related clans. However, you could marry into the closely related clans of your father, and you can marry into the clans of your paternal or maternal grandfathers. Mr. Walters' was born to a clan, the name of which translates into English as "Jemez" Clan, because their clan history goes back to ties to Jemez Pueblo. Closely associated to his clan are the "Salt" Clan, "Towering House" Clan, and the "Black Sheep" Clan (quotation marks are used to indicate these are translations of Dine' names.) Under the structure of the Dine' culture, he would not be allowed to marry into any of these four clans.

Identifying family clans is fundamental for tracing family lines. The social forces to marry outside the clan leads to geographic movement.

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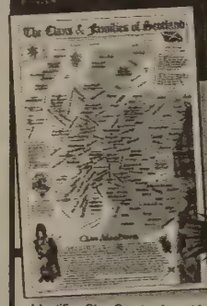

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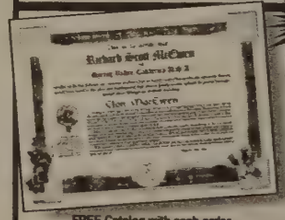

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Pauline is the first woman to hold this prestigious position, but this not mere tokenism. She was elected by the Association's members at their annual general meeting in Inverness last August on the strength of her knowledge and experience of the workings of the Council and has been co-editor of CCA's annual *Journal* for most of that time. She has taken particular pride in producing that publication which has an enviable reputation, as anyone who has seen it will readily acknowledge.

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Need parents and siblings of **DOUDLE ROWLAND**, born 1780 in North Carolina, married ca 1804 in Lee Co. VA. Wife was **RACHAEL (FLETCHER)**? Who were her parents and siblings? Will exchange information. **Aurelia Swafford, 13946 Highway C, Rayville, MO 64084.**

Seeking German Help! On 15 January 1936 a son was born in Berlin/Tegel of minor German nobility, his father's name was **Georg Wilhelm Herzog VonSchulze-Delitzsch aus Leipzig**, and his mother's name was **Princess Sybille Victoria VonSchleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg.**

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If you have any information or can help in any way please contact: **George Wesley Schultz, 29 Tulip Drive, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119-4660.**

ROBERTSON/ROBISON, ROBERT, My grandfather was born in NC, ca 1834, no parents/family known, no county/town known. Robert is said to have been orphaned at an early age. He married in Dougals County, Illinois **CATHERINE A GARBER,** 4 September, 1859. Six sons were born in IL, and in IN, before the family settled in SE Colorado, where Robert died 8 April, 1905. We knew our grandmother, all our uncles and their families. Apparently none knew of the early life of **ROBERT**. Any information of the early life of my grandfather **ROBERT ROBERTSON/ROBISON** will be greatly appreciated. **Mabel I. Robinson, 2235 Juntura Court S., Salem, OR 97302-2222. Telephone 503-589-9567.**

Seeking information on parents of **THOMAS DALTON** born 1809 or 1810 and wife, **MARTHA,** born 1804. Lived in rutherford Co., TN, 1850 census. Their children were **JOHN N. DALTON** born 1836, **MARY E. DALTON-WOOTEN**, born 1839, **THOMAS PIERSON DALTON** born 1842. Contact **Jerlene Dalton Smithson, 1493 S. Berlin Rd., Lewisburg, TN 37091.**

Looking for G-G-Grandparents (1) **JOHN C. McINTIRE/ NANCY A. WALL,** TN, AR; was she daughter of **MARJORIE WALL**? (2) **MONROE ELLIOTT/ MARGARET EOFF**, TN, AR, TX, did he also marry **ELIZABETH JOHNSON** in Jackson Co, AL? (3) **NICHOLAS W. FORTUNE / RACHAEL PASCHALL** of Hardeman Co TN., (4) **HEZEKIAH RUSS / MAHALA HUNTER**, KY, IN., (5) **ISAAC STOUT / MAHALA HENRIETTA CAMP**, Warrick Co., IN. Relationship with **ADALINE STOUT,** born 10 March 1808, married 1/ **A. B. MacKEE,** 2/ **GEORGE K. TAYLOR,** died 24 August 1878 Warrick Co IN? **Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901.**

Did Sir **JAMES MORYSEE** of Knockgreffon, to Tipperary, Ireland 24 December, 1569 migrate to Howden Church, Yorkshire, England? **JAMES MOORESY** baptized 8 October, 1608. **ROBERT MOORESY** sponsor. Name wives of all? **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City (Riverside), CA 92586.**

I wonder if anyone might have information on a small number of **"LAIRD"** connections in Dublin, Ireland in the 1850s and 1860s and later in New York City 1870s. Our grandfather, **JOSEPH LAIRD,** was born in Ireland in 1850 to **JAMES** and **ELIZABETH DUNN LAIRD** (later **MURRAY**). The family emigrated including his sister **MARGARET**, born in Dublin in 1854 and arriving in Pennsylvania around 1857, and settling in Mount Hope, New Jersey. **JAMES** in indicated as having been born in Scotland. So far, however, our search for further information has not brought forth any further information. Write to: **Ms. Mary Frances Jeske, 1013 Empire Street, Butte, MT 59701.**

Seeking **RAY ROME** born 1918 and **ELIZABETH ANNE HOLMES**. If you have any information please write to **Peter Rome, PO Box 1473, Mt. Dora, FL 32756.**

Seeking information about **WILLIAM CAMPBELL** who married **MINERVA McMAKIN** in 1850s in Greenville Co. South Carolina and fathered **SANFORD, JAMES**, and **JOHN.** Need help finding them after 1880. **Ricky Campbell, 1208 Idylwild, Houston, TX 77009.**

Looking for information on the Kincaids of Campsie's Glen in Scotland. All I know about her is that her name is **CATHERINE JANE KINCAID STICKLE**. She was born in 1856 and died 12 August 1949. She was married to **ALVA BALDWIN STICKLE** and their children are: **CHARLES, SAMUEL, JAMES, LUCY** (married **RAY DYE**), Lizzie (married a **DAVIS**), **ALVA MANNING** (married **LYDIA ALVADA BOSTON**) and **CLOE** (married a **COLE**). **Lynn K. Chupp, PO Box 338, Shreve, OH 44676.**

I would be very greatful for all your help. I am of Scottish origin, my family is from Dumfries the surname is **RAE**. I would be very greatful if you have anything you can locate in your collection on the History of Rae of Clan MacRae. Where in Dumfries the settled and what area they made trouble in early days? My ancestor **JOHN WRIGHT** born 1750 married in 1784 - 85 to a **JANET RAE.** Do you have any records showing an early marriage? Did the RAE family have a Castle in Dumfries? If so, do you have a picture you can share? **Wayne Wright, PO Box 432, Panama City, FL, 32402.**

Seek information: two **ULRICH LONGENECKERS**, early 1700s, Lancaster - Chester Counties, Pennsylvaina. **Dick Cryer, Box 11011, Greenwich, CT 06831**.

Seeking information on **DONALD McDONALD** born Scotland c. 1827, married **HARRIET LEGOUR**? Belleville, Ontario. May be connection to Glengarry. Two known issue: **MARGARET M.** born 1854, **ALEXANDER** born 1861, Ontario. Margaret married **DANIEL BLONDIN** 1875, came to US 1883. Roman Catholic. **Kathy Weibel, 8 School Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452.**

Seeking parents/ancestors/any information regarding both **JOHN IRVIN** and **JANE FEAR** who were married in Campbell County, VA on 13 March 1816. **JANE'S** mother was **NANCY FEAR** per marriage consent. **Cathy Sue Montgomery Leslie, 2918 Dover Lane #T2, Falls Church, VA 22042.**

Was French born sheep herder **PIERRE MORRISSEY** (1696 - 1746) related to **JAMES MORRISSEY** baptized October, 1608 (son of **ROBERT MORRISSEY**) Howden Church, Yorkshire, England? **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92586.**

Was **PEARL DURKEE**'s second wife **MARY HANKEY** wed Baltimore 1791, the granddaughter of **ISSAC BEESON** ca 1729, Hopewell, VA? **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

Who were wife and ancestors? **MICHAEL MORRISSEY** born 1792 Federal Census of 1860. Philadelphia Co., PA. Living descendants? **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd, Sun City, CA 92586.**

Need parents and birthplace of **JACOB PURCELL, SR.** born 1774 and died about 1859. Wife **POLLY**, born. 177?. The had, probably, 12 children, some from Franklin County, GA. Death certificate of grandson shows his father's people came from Pittsburgh, PA. **Ms. Brooksie Purcell Vines, 139 Billy Goat Trail, Cloudland, Georgia 30731.**

Seeking information about **JAMES H. BOWEN** (preacher) born Tennessee 1833. Parents: **ABISHA** (a.k.a. **ELISHA, FRANCIS, ULYSSES) BOWEN** and **SARAH JANE CAMPBELL BOWEN.** Children: **SUSAN, ABISHA, MEIVINA**. Resided in Reynolds County, Missouri. Write: **Doris L. Smith, 369A Paseo Quinta, Green Valley, Arizona 85614 or e-mail:<artbyjoyce@webtv.net>.**

Want information on **SAMUEL NEWELL, SR.,** and his son, **SAMUEL NEWELL**, born 1754 to **SAMUEL NEWELL, SR.**, and **ELIZABETH COVILL BLACK. NEWELL** moved Pa. to Abingdon VA, married **JEAN/JANE MONTGOMERY** born 1764, in Battle of Kings Mountain. Was **SAMUEL NEWELL, SR.**, scalped by Indians 1777? Was he in Battle of Kings Mountain? **Dorcas Evans Cooper, 6003 E. Bayley, Wichita, KS 67218.**

Need information on **THOMAS MORRISSEY** (1747-1805) and wife **JANE POWER**. Cotton weavers, Bleachgreen, Whitechurch, Co., Waterford, Ireland, connect to **STEPHEN MORRISSEY** (1792-1852) (County Tipperary) d. Saratoga County, N.Y. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA 92586.**

RICHARD HUTCHINS (HUTCHESON) living in Essex Co., VA 1683, d 1712. Reportedly from Glasgow, Scotland. Seeking his origins, birthdate and parents. **Virginia Hutcheson Davis, 316 Littletown Quarter, Williamsburg, VA 23185-5519 USA.**

FRANCIS MORGAN came from North Carolina to Oklahoma with her family in 1834, during the Cherokee Removals. She married a man named **HIGGINS**. When and where she married, and where she lived, is unknown. What happened to her Morgan brothers and sisters is also unknown, except for one sister who married **CHARLES FLEETWOOD.** In January of 1909, at Sallisaw, a person by the name of **JW HIGGINS** signed for a marriage license between **EDMOND FLEETWOOD** (nephew of **FRANCIS MORGAN HIGGINS),** and **MRS. MARY A. DANIELS.** In September of 1909, **THEODORE FLEETWOOD**, son of **EDMOND FLEETWOOD**, died near Sallisaw. **JH MORGAN** paid for the funeral. Who were **JW HIGGINS** and **JH MORGAN**? Any information on there people or their descendants would be greatly appreciated. **S.D. Grant, 904 Jay Lane, Tahlequah, OK 74464, phone: (918) 456-9387.**

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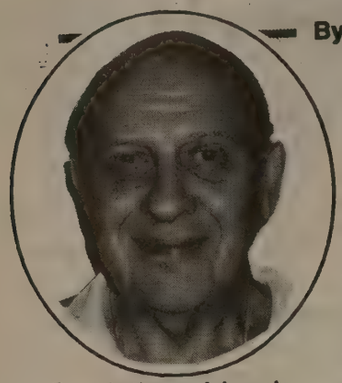

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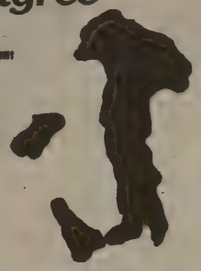

Italians, just like other European ethnic groups, are enamored with the bells and whistles of their heritage.

Specifically, many Italian-Americans seize the moment to connect with some coat of arms, because of a common link, their surname, whether legitimate or not.

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Even more impressive to some are the research results obtained from some so called "institute" in Rome or Florence which legitimize the bearers' belief. The fact that a firm in Italy produced the aristocrat connection does not add more integrity to the noble claim than if it was sent to you from Ohio, unsolicited. Fraud is fraud whether it was produced in Florence or Ft. Wayne.

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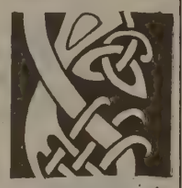

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However, we would not have been able to mail this paper if our Postage Heroes had not come through for us magnificently! Your generosity, kind notes and letters, words of encouragement and simple friendship have been what has pulled your editor through this very stressful time.

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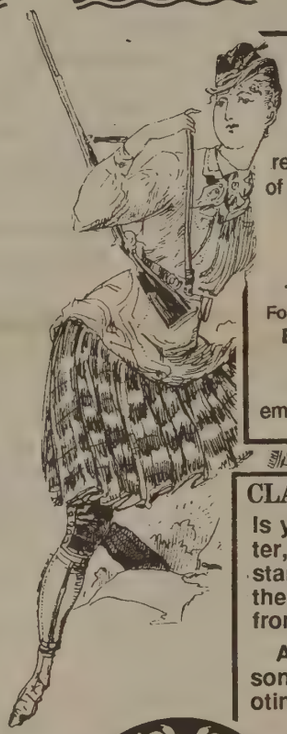

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COSCA Report

Col. Bob McWilliam

For the past several columns we have been following the route of John MacDonell, a Scot, who was a clerk for the Northwest Trading Company who also kept a journal describing his first trip into northwest Canada.

To continue from our last column; we came off the portage onto Lake Maraboeuf and paddled north for about four miles. The lake is somewhat narrow with tall escarpments lining both sides of a portion of the lake. This day there was no wind and the lake was calm.

Rob got out his pipes and piped us part of the way down the lake. His pipe tune echoed off the cliffs and were very appealing with the slow numbers, but with the reels and jigs there were too many notes in the air at the same time.

The loons, this time, for whatever reason did not respond to Rob's Gaelic tremulous.

At the north end of the lake lies Horsetail Rapids.

In the late 1960s, a Canadian government diving team found a wealth of trading goods and other relics in the pool just down stream from the rapids indicating a number of the voyager canoes and been lost in the rapids, indication that a number of the voyager canoes had been lost.

We portaged our packs around the rapids and shot or sault the canoes as the voyagers would say. It was very fast and very exciting.

Just a short distance down stream from Horsetail Rapids lies Saganaga Falls, a cascade dropping six feet over granite ledges. The Canadian diving team also found a great number of fur trade artifacts at the base of these falls. The findings, together with photo's of articles brought to the surface from the dives, were published in a book called *Voices of the Rapids*.

Saganaga Falls was one of the more productive sights as they brought up the remains of muskets, swords, cooking kettles, coffee and tea pots, knives, pistols and clumps of lead shot.

MacDonell describes the area we went through in just several sentences. "13th August, 1793 Went down the little fausille, Descharge du vaseu, the cedars, and a number of shallow little rapids called the chats. Cleared the Maraboeuf at 1 PM. Made the two little Rochers of saguinage (Saganaga) and camped at L'Anse au Sable (on Lake Saganage)." Our trip was in the last of May and the "shallow little rapids" MacDonell describes in August were at high water with the spring melt boiling along creating tall hay stacks as the force of the water struck the large boulders in the river bed.

We entered Lake Saganaga, which means Lake of Bays, which is the first large lake west of Grand Portage.

Delafield who was one of the boundary commissioners said the lake contained 289 islands.

"In my passage through it I could form no idea of the size or direction of the lake. It was so glutted with islands, both large and small".

We traveled north a short distance on Lake Saganaga and camped on Conner's Island.

On our last day of the trip we walked the Height of Land Portage. This portage crosses the Laurentian Highland Divide. The waters south and east of the divide flow to the Atlantic. Waters north of Divide flow to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean. The north bound voyagers paused here

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You can rescue your photos. You might have a couple of problems. You might find that some of the glue got on your photos, or they have absolutely stuck so tight that you can't budge them. There are ways to get them off of these pages.

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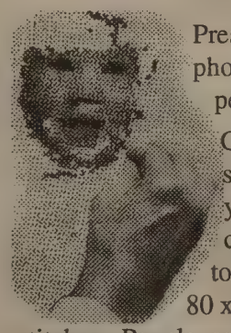

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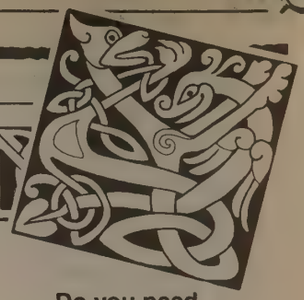

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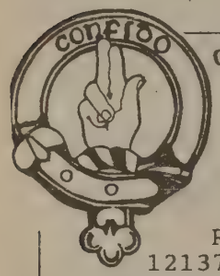

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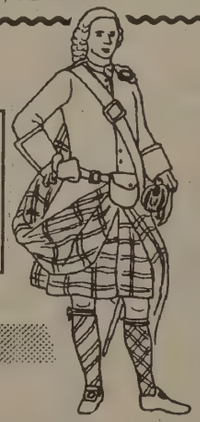

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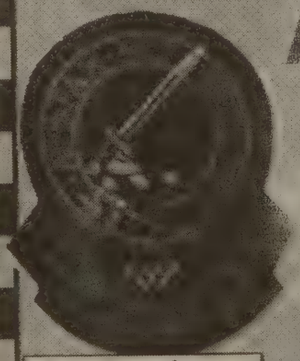

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The Franklin Tartan Museum suggested I write to *The Family Tree*.

So far what I know is - the large thistle and crown in the center is the same as the Queens Own Highlanders. In a picture of this is the phrase *Nemo Me Imp Une Lacesset*. This phrase is embroidered on the sides and is readable on both front and back. What does it say?

Also embroidered and readable on the two side edges on the front and back is *C'est Les Armes D'Ecosse*. This has been translated for me to mean *these is the crest of Scotland*. Along with these symbols there are two pictures on the top that could represent suns. There are also two lions and two birds at the base of the thistle.

What's puzzling is there is a definite right and wrong side to it - the words are readable on both sides. I hope you can add more information to my puzzle.

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The day's events often were quite varied when the funeral procession arrived at the kirk burial site. At one time, in many rural areas, it was common belief The Last to be interred would not enjoy a restful sleep. Rather his "ghost" was destined to roam the kirkvard... as an overseer...attending to the grave sites...until another burial. When two burial processions arrived at the Kirk gravesite at the same time..and explosive event was nigh! Debate and denials as to who arrived first...coupled with the unsteadiness of the "service"...sparked bedlam! The procession with the most brute strength prevailed.

For nonassociated neutral observer... this was quite a "sideshow." An event to be related ore an evening peat fire. Here is a curious report...'Notts Mercury' July 6, 1842: There is a loaf of bread in the possession of Mrs. Soars of Thurlstone, Derbyshire, upwards of 400 years old. It is a funeral loaf, bearing the date 1436, and was discovered upwards of 2 years ago in a chest with some old writings belonging to the family estate. The writers has been acquainted with the said loaf upwards of fifty years, and called the attention of the public to the old bread some years ago. Since then it has become a "lion", and has suffered the handling and pilfering of the curious. Mrs. Soars has placed it on a handsome glass salver and beehive corner, which add greatly to its appearance and preservation.

So much for the funerals prior to 1855.

What do we find in the Statutory death certificate? The time and place of the death. A home address if different from the place of death. Also the parish wherein the death occurred. The full name and age of the deceased and marital status. Except the years 1856-1860 the name of the spouse. The cause of death and if applicable the medical attendant. If deceased.. or living the names of the parents.. even the father's occupation. Some certificates will show location of burial site and the name of the funeral home or individual.

By Scottish law a married woman retains her maiden name. If her death is registered in Scotland it will be indexed under both names. If married several times, if known by the informant, the death will be indexed under several names.

In past articles I have reviewed the Statutory birth certificate. It will contain expected information: full name of the child, parish and address

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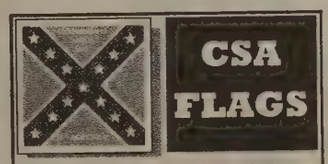

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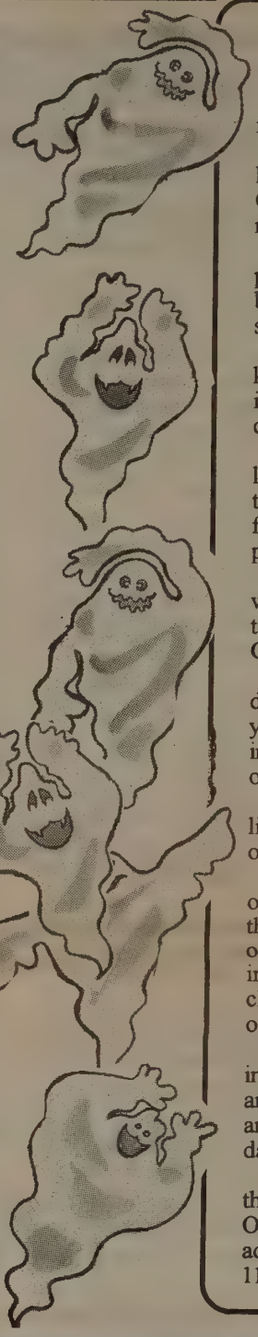

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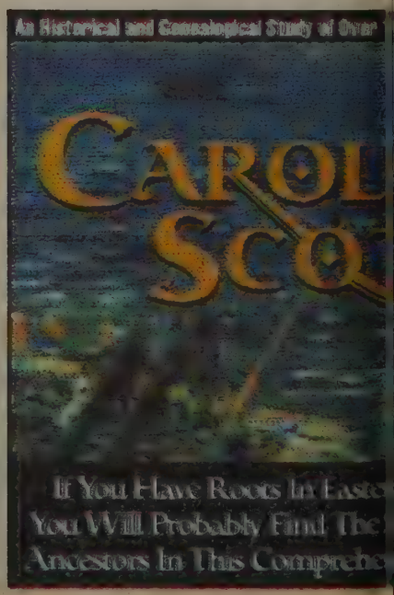

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by the Pilot Club of Port of Jacksonville, all 2nd annual Tales of Our City tour will e organization's traumatic brain injury s.

etery is rich in Jacksonville history, and I ors are going to be delighted with our d entertaining presentation," says tour uise Stanton Warren.

to Warren, those who attended the tour l City Cemetery will be excited to learn es and stories will be featured, "except cularly engaging tales brought back by d."

s that the community response last year ning, and extends thanks for the assis- acksonville Historical Society and the cout Council.

mmediately we had embarked on an un- h appealed to nearly everyone, so this dded more guides, extended the tour to o accommodate schools and other group unteers across the community," she said. our will include sites locate in the Catho- d the Free Ground cemetery, both part metery.

y pleased to have had the contribution the African-American community and ic Diocese to assist in our research and l information about individuals buried says Warren who, together with other has been working since the beginning ther new information for the tour.

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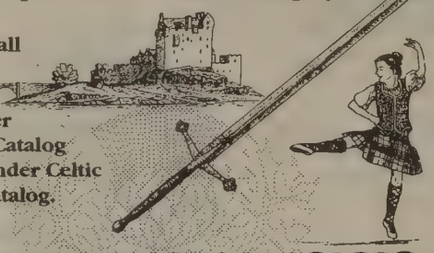

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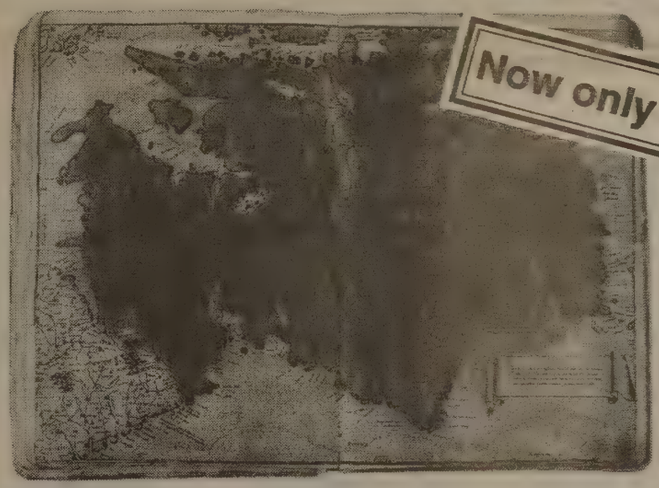

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Craig Claflin of Leominster, Massachusetts has been elected Vice President. Craig has been an active member of the CMANA for over six years. He has most recently served as an Area Commissioner to the CMANA's New England Region. Craig is also very active in the Claflin Family Association, one of the oldest family associations in North America. (The name Claflin is actually derived from MacLachlan.)

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Jack W. McLaughlin of San Jacinto, California, the CMANA's Immediate Past President and Clan Genealogist will also serve as the Association's Newsletter Editor. Jack has also been an active member of the CMANA for over fifteen years. He has served as President (1993 - 1996), Vice President (1990 - 1993) and Regional Commissioner to the Southwest Region.

Under the new administration, the CMANA will continue its efforts on the following projects. Working with other MacLachlan branches to build the Clan MacLachlan Society into an international federation of autonomous branches and building a MacLachlan (including Gilchrist and MacEwen members) genealogical database. The information is being provided both to the LDS and to the Odom Library in Moultrie, Georgia.

The group, working with the Clan Maclachlan Society to build an Internet presence that will celebrate the Clan's heritage by providing factual information on the 1000 year history of Clan, its symbols and its contributions. The group will work toward building a presence at Celtic and Scottish events across North America. The CMANA sponsors tents at numerous annual events from coast to coast. These tents are a place for MacLachlans to gather to socialize and talk about mutual topics of interest. In addition, regional gatherings are held in conjunction with four of these events.

For further information on the CMANA, please contact the Secretary at: CMANA, c/o Bill Loflin, 509 South Fielder Road, Arlington, TX 76013-1743. Bill's e-mail address is <bill_loflin@ieee.org>.

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Upon arriving at the other end of the portage, Cass and Tom kneeled on the pine carpeted ground in a patch of sunlight coming through the tall pines and repeated the ancient vows while I sprinkled their foreheads and shoulders with the lake water from a cedar branch. We then prepared to be "regaled" in voyeur fashion which for us was the whole purpose of the portage.

Rob and John who had been "baptized" on a previous trip went to get the brandy.

However, much to our chagrin the brandy we had been carrying had been consumed. Even the secret place where we kept the supply for emergency medicinal purposes had been emptied and worse yet we found that we had consumed all supplies kept in our most secret-secret place. There was not a drop to be had amongst us.

After some serious consultation we settled for a generous measure of water and powdered grape juice, with several protests of "easy on the water, please."

The "regale" was postponed.

However, that night at the Gunflint Lodge after dinner we had one or two perfunctory toasts, but we were all too tired to down the "brimming bumpers" and were in our bunks sound asleep by 9 PM.

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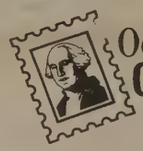

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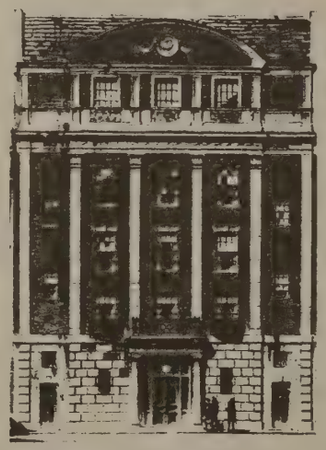

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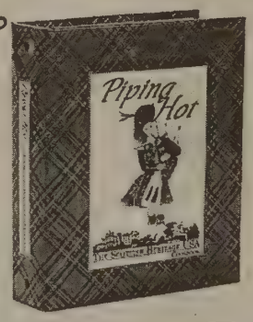

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Mr. Johnston was on of the original members of the Lansdale Volunteer Medical Corps. He was also a 50 year member of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Johnston was a life member of the Saint Andrew's Society of Philadelphia and had served as president of that organization.

He was a life member of British Officer's Club of Philadelphia.

An international known authority of Scottish tartan, Mr. Johnston was the founder and President of the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, which honored him by naming him a member of the Guild of Tartan Scholars. He was a life member of the Scottish Tartan Society and was also one of the founding Governors of the Scottish Tartans Authority of Pitlochry, Scotland.

He founded and served as president of the Clan Johnston in America and was named Lieutenant to the Chief of Clan Johnston by the Earl of Annandale.

A nationally recognized leader and teacher of Square, Contra, Round and Scottish Country Dance, Mr. Johnston was a popular Square Dance Caller and leader in the Delaware Valley for over 60 years.

He was a life member of the Lloyd Shaw Foundation.

For 22 years, he was the organizer and featured caller of the York, PA. Contra Weekend.

He led his own groups, The Lancers Quadrille Corps and the Lochwood Round Dance Club for over 20 years.

Mr. Johnston was the founder of the Delaware Valley Round Dance Teachers Association. He was also a member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Mr. Johnston was married for 50 years to the late Janis (Holley) Johnston, who died in 1992.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Williams) Johnston; a daughter, Judith Johnston Wexler of Springfield Township, Montgomery; a son, William Holley Johnston of Buford, GA; four grandchildren, Barbara Johnston and William Hannan Johnston of Atlanta, GA and Aaron Johnston Wexler and Bruce William Johnston Wexler of Springfield, Montgomery Township; and two sisters, Mary Lou Schmidt and her husband, William of Brattleboro, VT and Margaret J. Evans and her husband, Edward of Clearwater, FL.

In addition to his first wife, his sister, Jane E. Wiseheart, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, c/o Mr. Otis Johnston, Treasurer, 812 Woodland Drive, Columbia, SC 29205.

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Maurice Duane Hamilton, born March 29, 1942 at Elkwater, Randolph County, West Virginia, passed away on Friday July 30, 1999. Maurice died of cancer. He suffered for about two years. Services were held at "Lilburn Chapel" and he was buried at Green Meadow Cemetery in Conyers, GA. The services were conducted by Rev. Lynn Floyd. Maurice served 4 years on the U.S. Air Force. He worked at Foote & Davis Printing Company until their closure. His last place of employment was with Key Services, Inc., Tucker, GA. Maurice is survived by his wife Shirley Hamilton and his son Richard Scott Hamilton. Maurice like to fish. With his boat, he often shared company with his many friends and relatives. Maurice has a brother, Ronald Keith Hamilton of Dunkirk, Maryland. (If you visit the "TGIF" Bar in Chamblee, GA you will see some of his donated, mounted, Fish Trophies, above the bar.) A00005M1999OT/NV

Shaw Enochs, Jr. passed away on Sunday, April 25 in Jackson, Mississippi. Shaw was an early and long term member of the Clan Shaw Society and a loyal enthusiastic supporter. He was 80 years of age. He was a graduate of Millsaps College, an accountant, and the owner of a funeral home. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps as an aviation physicist. Shaw was active with many musical groups, president of his Lions Club, and commander of his American Legion Post. He will be missed by many, including we of the Clan Shaw Society. We extend our sympathy to Shaw's widow, Roberta, and to all his family. A00005M1999OT/NV

Alice Shaw Oberholtzer was promoted to glory on Mother's Day, May 9,1999. Alice, formerly of Cape May, New Jersey, died at her most recent home of Sunrise, Florida. She was interred in the Shaw plot in Natchez, Mississippi. Alice's was Clan Shaw member number 203, and had been with us since October 1, 1986. A00005M1999OT/NV

Flowers of the Forest

Madam Heather Veronica Kincaid of Kincaid, Chief of Clan Kincaid, died peacefully on August 2, 1999. Madam Heather was born March, 1918 in Glasgow, Scotland, the only child of Major and Mrs. W. M. P. Kincaid Lennox. She lived the first three years in Scotland, then moved to England until 1935. Madam Heather was educated privately at home until the age of 11, then four years at Leamington High School for Girls in Warwickshire, followed by two years at a boarding school Surrey. She spent six months in France to learn French. In 1939 she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (the future Women's Royal Army Corps) as a driver, and was called up a week before the Declaration of War. Madam Heather lived in Scotland from 1935 - 1951. She married in 1940 to Lt. Commander Debus Hornell, M.V.O. Royal Navy, who was killed in action in 1941. From this marriage was born a son who later become Denis Lennox of that Ilk (Chief of the Lennox). In 1961, Madam Heather married W.H.A. Edghill and moved to Brighton where they both become involved in teaching adult education. Her husband died in 1973, and she continued teaching until 1988. Madam Heather became Chief of Clan Kincaid in 1988, succeeding her uncle, Alwyne. An active chief, she came to America on two occasions where she represented her clan as the honored guest at the Virginia Scottish Games and Festivals in Alexandria, Virginia in 1993, and again in 1998 at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival in Williamsburg, Virginia. For those of us who were so fortunate to meet her and know her, she quickly became a friend.

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Leroy Colter "Colt" Pierson, died Thursday, September 2, 1999. Memorial services were held Saturday for retired U.S. Army Col. Leroy Colter Pierson, whose 26-year military career included combat in World War II and intelligence gathering in Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War of the 1960s.

Nicknamed "Colt," Col. Pierson moved to Fair Oaks, California in 1971 after his retirement from the U.S. Army National Guard, with which he'd been active since 1940.

He died Thursday in a local hospital after a heart attack. He was 86.

"He was a fascinating man," said his friend and former neighbor, Roy Liebman of El Dorado Hills. "He took on some very interesting assignments during his military life."

Those assignments included running a network of agents behind the Iron Curtain from 1947 to 1952 to gather information on the Soviet bloc, Liebman said.

He also gathered intelligence during the Korean War and served three years in the late 1950s with the Central Intelligence Agency. In the early 1960s, he gave daily intelligence reports to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"He was one of the first to see the photos of the missiles in Cuba that started the Cuban missile crisis," Liebman said.

In 1962, he became commander of Army intelligence units at the Presidio of San Francisco and went to Japan for counterintelligence duties involving the Vietnam War, Liebman said.

In retirement, Col. Pierson pursued his hobby of gardening. He was past president of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club, the local chapter of the Retired Officers Association and the Stewart Clan of North America. He was also a member of the Caledonian Club and served as acting executive director of the state Mental Health Association in the late 1970s.

Col. Pierson was a native of Cincinnati, and was reared in Webster Grove, Mo. He and his three brothers all received engineering degrees from Washington University in St. Louis.

While in combat in Italy, his engineering background came in handy when he saved a building from being destroyed by local partisans after he recognized its historical significance based on its architecture, Liebman said. In gratitude, the building's owners presented Col. Pierson, who was an accomplished horseman, with a custom-made saddle, Liebman said.

Col. Pierson is survived by his wife, Sara Sally Pierson of Fair Oaks; a daughter, Patricia Harper of Tempe, Arizona.; and stepsons, Bill Turner of Hayward and Mike Turner of San Diego. .

Colt was a member of Clan Donald (Life Member), Clan Stewart Society in America (Life Member and Immediate Past President), and House of Boyd (Life Member).. He was also a member of the St. Andrews Society of Modesto, The Caledonian Club of Sacramento. He started and was a member of the Loyal Scots, a loosely formed organization that met on a regular basis for lunch and had no dues.

He had several families in the Sacramento area he called his "extended family." He was just as proud of their extended family as he was his own children and grandchildren.

He will be missed by all that knew him.

The family asks that any donations be sent to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608; or to a charity of the donor's choice. Interment was at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Los Banos. A00005M1999OT/NV

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Our flock is growing... Thanks to ewe'all!

Our 2000 Scottish Weekend will be fun...and this time, it's "going to the sheep" as we plan to use sheep as our decorating theme at the Gala Banquet and Ceilidh on Saturday night. It's going to take hundreds of sheep to decorate the great big hall where we have our event...and, it looks like we're going to have the sheep we need...thanks to our marvelous readers from all over the country.

This time, Sandra Myers Graham of Akron, Ohio sent along a whole box of adorable wooly ones. Mary D. Peters of Omaha, Nebraska sent sheep for our flock and "The Sheep Herder," Martha Geyer sent along a box of sheep for the Moultrie flock! Thank you!

An adorable little wooley one came from Mr. and Mrs. Lon Tucker from the Lum & Abner Store in Pine Ridge, Arkansas. Thank you by doggies!!

We thank Richard and Janine Hall of Allen Park, Michigan, who sent three sheep for the Moultrie flock!

Thank you to O.L. Lewi s of Green Cove Springs, Florida for sending a big sack o'sheep!

Mrs. Evelyn Werdelin of Port Charlotte, Florida sent along a mini-flock! Thank you!

From J. Jagler of Sheboygan, Wisconsin came a box with TWENTY sheep and a SHEEPDOG! Wow! Thank you so much, Jagler family!

Sheep arrived from Mr. John H. Fargason of Huntsville, Alabama! Thank you!

Alta Bearman, FSA Scot, of Valdosta, Georgia sent along sheep for our flock as well. Thank you!

Janice Nelson of Waterford, Michigan sent us the cutest little "baa code" sheep! Thank you!

Sheep came from Mary V. Norris of Springville, Utah, too! Thank ewe!

SEVEN more sheep came from Martha Geyer, who says she has "counted a lot of sheep during sleepless nights in her lifetime - but thought she would never have a continuing correspondence with sheep!" Thank you, Martha!

If you find a sheep at a flea market or thrift store or junque store (The fancy spelling for JUNK!) and would like to send it along to join the 2000 Scottish Weekend fun, just mail it to: Sheep, Odom Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776. If you wish to FedEx or UPS, the address is 204 5th Ave., SE, Moultrie, GA 31768.

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Jewish Records Indexing - Poland (JRI-Poland)

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The goal of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland (JRI-Poland) is to create a World-Wide-Web-based, searchable database of the indices of 19th century Jewish vital records from current and former territories of Poland. Where such records are available, they may include towns that are now part of Lithuania, Ukraine and Belarus. The web site can be found at: <http://www.jewishgen.org/JRL-PL>.

In 1994, several researchers "met" via the Internet. All had a common interest to make the task of locating Polish-Jewish vital records more accessible.

In 1995, Stanley Diamond of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Steven Zedeck of Nashua, NH and Michael Tobias of Glasgow, Scotland started the Russian Era Indexing of Poland Project (REIPP), now known as Jewish Records Indexing -Poland.

Zedeck and Tobias not only had a deep interest in the records of this area, but also had the technical skills to bring the project to life.

Diamond became Project Coordinator in January 1997.

JRI-Poland is managed by a board of volunteers.

JRI-Poland has two major components. The first is the indexing of the LDS microfilmed records, comprising about 2,000 films from more than 500 towns and villages. The second component, launched in early 1998, is the JRI-Poland / Polish State Archives Project.

While the LDS films contain approximately two million 19th century records that were not filmed. Generally, these cover the last 25-35 years of the 19th century, when many of our grandparents and great-grandparents lived in Poland.

Only records more than 100 years old are available for this indexing project.

The JRI-Poland database has grown steadily and now includes indices to 500,000 vital records from more than 115 towns. Most of the work on the microfilmed records is done by volunteers organized into Shtetl CO-OPs; some of the difficult Cyrillic script entries (from the post-1867 Russian years' registers) are in the main transliterated by professionals whose work is funded by contributions from both individuals and groups of Jewish genealogists.

Indexing of records in Poland is by Warsaw-based professionals, funded by researchers around the world.

JRI-Poland is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Revenue Code.

There is a wealth of information at the JRI-Poland web site. The JRI-Poland searchable database is one of the largest databases on the JewishGen <http://www.jewishgen.org>

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DNA and Genealogy...?

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There are many other uses for mitochondria DNA testing.

A generation ago in Argentina government officials brutally separated young children from their dissident parents who were rebelling against the government. The parents, mostly young people, were summarily executed and the children were placed with military families to bring up. Documentation was either not kept or deliberately destroyed. Neither the children or nor surviving relatives had any idea who they were.

In recent years grandmothers who had lost both their children and grandchildren in this horrible conflict rose in protest.

Through mitochondrial DNA test many children, now adults, have been reunited with their biological families.

It took a generation of grieving, but determined, grandmothers and the development of a new science to pull back the curtain of secrecy.

Today mtDNA is being used to identify the remains of unknown soldiers of the Vietnam War.

On the casualty list of the battle of Koh Tang, the last battle of the Vietnam War, on May 15, 1975, is inscribed the name of Richard Vandegeer, a 27 year old lieutenant.

Koh Tang's conflict was part of an international crisis known as the Mayaguez Incident. The merchant ship *SS Mayaguez* was hijacked off Koh Tang, Cambodia on May 12, 1975. A rescue team from the *USS Harold E. Holt* assaulted the *Mayaguez* and at the same time a Sikorsky HH-53 helicopter with the call sign Knife-31 bore Lt. Vandegeer and 23 other Marines and Navy medical corpsmen to assault the beach of Koh Tang.

Only 20 defenders were expected, 150 heavily armed Khmer Rouge lay in wait.

Badly hit, the helicopter dropped into the water. The men scrambled out of the downed bird as fast as they could. Some swam toward shore and were instantly cut down. Others swam out to sea and were eventually rescued by American ships.

Lt. Vandegeer was one of 13 from Knife-31 who never made it to safety. In the search for what really happened that day there is strong evidence that at least four men survived the initial assault.

161 bones have been recovered from the island. Because some of the men were known to be alive after the assault, it became even more important in learning their fate to discover more about the Koh Tang assault.

The best means know to science is DNA analysis. It has been reported, though not yet confirmed by the government, that Lt. Vandegeer has been identified through DNA sequences provided by his relatives.

So far the Pentagon has identified the remains of almost 500 soldiers who died in Southeast Asia and who were originally listed as missing in action. Between 250 and 300 remains are still under study.

Richard Vandegeer, the last name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is no longer missing in action.

Through DNA historical mysteries are being solved.

Are the bones resting in the grave of Jesse James, the famous western outlaw, really those of James? Or did he, as many have asserted through the years, escape and live to old age elsewhere?

My own grandfather insisted many times that John D. Rockefeller was really Jesse James. After all, Rockefeller suddenly appeared from "nowhere" and had an unexplained large amount of money. Ergo, he must have obtained it by illegal means. And who were the most famous outlaws of the times? None other than the James brothers, Frank and Jesse.

I have heard since then that Jesse James' reincarnation, as John D. Rockefeller was an idea widely espoused in popular magazines in the early part of the century.

One of the most compelling stories of the survival of Jesse James was told by a man named J. Frank Dalton who died in 1951 at the reported age of 104. Dalton claimed that his real identity was Jesse James. He claimed that James was not really shot in the back by Robert Ford on April 3, 1882, but faked his own death. Supposedly James killed an outlaw named Charlie Bigelow and, with the help of his own relatives, persuaded the public to believe Jesse was dead.

J. Frank Dalton, AKA Jesse James, had other children late in life. Dalton has great-grandchildren today who firmly believe they are descendants of James.

No one has ever explained why James wife Zee and their two children, to whom he was devoted, were left behind to struggle in poverty after 1882.

Scientists used mtDNA to be sure who is buried in Jesse James' grave.

Professor James Starrs of George Washington University headed up a team in 1995 to explore the identity of the body. The team planned a many-pronged investigation, including forensic specialist, handwriting experts, anthropologists and DNA experts.

One of the early discoveries as they excavated the badly deteriorated skeleton was of a bullet in the left rib section. The bullet was determined to be from a 36 caliber 1851 Navy pistol of a kind heavily used in the Civil War.

James fought in the Civil War and was well known to have been wounded. It was said that he carried a bullet in his ribs.

A postmortem photo showed a large, deep scar on the right rib cage.

The skull itself had clearly been sawed crossways, which matched the record of the autopsy of James in 1882.

Handwriting samples of Jesse James, both under his own name and that of Frank Howard, his alias while in hiding, were matched against samples of J. Frank Dalton. While the handwriting of James and "Howard" matched exactly, that of Dalton was written by a different man.

Jesse's sister had living descendants through the female line. They agreed to furnish DNA to match against the bones from the old grave. It took many months to complete the work.

More next time.

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Scottish Country Dancing

Dancing at the Highland Games

Evelyn M. E. Murray, FSA Scot

Many of you who have attended one or more Highland Games or Festivals during this summer will probably have watched a Scottish Country Dance demonstration.

For those who dance regularly it is possibly their dance group and the dancers are known to them. For those of us who are teachers, we enjoy watching, but cast somewhat critical eye over the scene.

For most of the audience, the dancing is watched with varying degrees of interest. The dancers hope that many who are watching will feel inclined to join them in their activities.

This is the principal reason for going out on (usually) a very hot afternoon, putting on a kilt or white dress and sash, doing a quick walk through in some discrete corner, and preforming the program of dances.

In other words, these demonstrations are done so as to bring the dancing to the attention of people who may be encouraged to join this particular group, or one at their home town.

The person who is MC'ing the event will usually say that if they are interested in learning more.... please contact a member of the group. The dance leader is at fault if they are not prepared to hand out a flyer with information about the dance classes in the area. To enhance this there is often an opportunity for the audience to join in on one or more selected dances.

From the organizer's point of view, Scottish country dancing is a way of illustrating the social aspect of the games. Often the dancers perform without a fee, or if a fee is paid it goes into group's treasury, the dancers themselves do not get paid.

An exception is made if musicians perform with the group instead of using recorded music. In my experience, the musicians are always paid at least a small honorarium for their efforts. Having live music to dance to is the best of all worlds. But is more usual to recorded music, and this used to add considerable strain to the proceedings!

Thank goodness the days of using records has gone the way of the dodo.

First one had to find a suitable place to locate the record player, which someone have lugged from a car to the site. The it seemed almost normal if the connections were not suitable for the sound system being used by the games. So a quick flap around to patch it in, or as a last resort to rely on the 10w amplification of the player itself. If there was not a spare dancer/spouse/friend to position the needle, then one of the dancers would do this and try to discretely dash into place before the chord.

I won't elaborate on memories of this period, but some were very funny (in retrospect) but frustrating at the time. Suffice it to say that MacMurphy's law nearly always prevailed.

It is usual to select, say three rounds of a jig, followed by two of a strathspey, then a reel, etc. It is very time consuming making the match from a record player onto tape. Nowadays many groups have progressed from this procedure to using computer programing techniques to match the right chords for the beginning and ending to the desired number of rounds for each dance, with very satisfactory results.

For Highland games organizers who do not dance, please do not relegate the dancers to a hard surface such as a parking lot. Not only is this hard on the soft shoes worn by the dancers - one can guarantee to wear out a pair of shoes at just one such demo - but it is bad physically for the dancers. They should always be placed on a wooden dancing platform or stage, such as the one used for Highland dancing. As this is usually in a central location, it is ideal.

Then, during a break in the Highland dancing, the Scottish country dancers entertain the audience. Such was the case at the Capital District Games this past weekend.

The dance platform was next to the Clan area, and near the centre of all the activities so that the Albany/Scenectady dancers had a good audience for their dancing on both Saturday and Sunday.

Grass is a possible alternative, but again it is hard on the shoes, as well as very hard on the dancers unless the area is as smooth as a putting green. Also the footwork suffers on grass as the area it usually not smooth, so one is taking care not to trip over hummocks or twist an ankle in dips or even holes that appear magically in front of an unsuspecting foot!

Anyone who has been a member of a dance team has a stack of stories to tell - of dancing in the rain, missing dancers, etc., but basically it generally is fun and one's enjoyment is enhanced by the fact that one is showing others the activity that has given the dancers so much pleasure.

Do think about joining a class near you and maybe next year you will be a member of the team: demonstrating the social dancing of Scotland and enjoying the comradeship of one's fellow dancers.

They're at it again in Bath, Ohio!

Al Bethard of Lafayette, Louisiana sent along the particulars of a new advertising campaign from Heirloom Book Offer, c/o Halbert's, 3687 Ira Rd., PO Box 5012, Bath, OH 44210.

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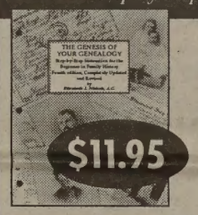

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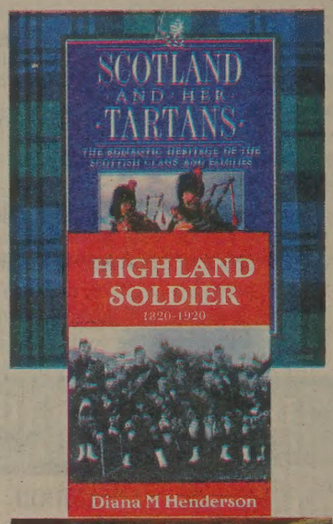

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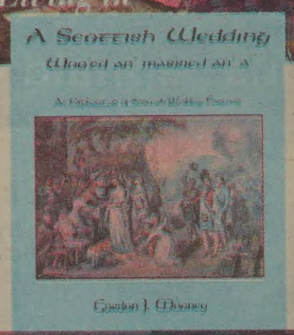

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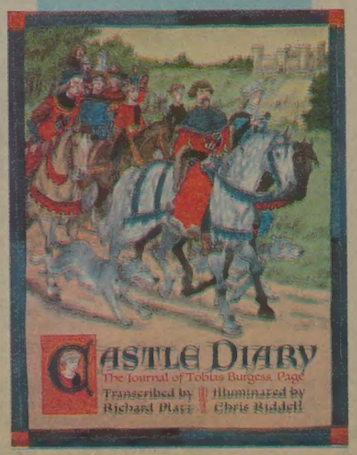

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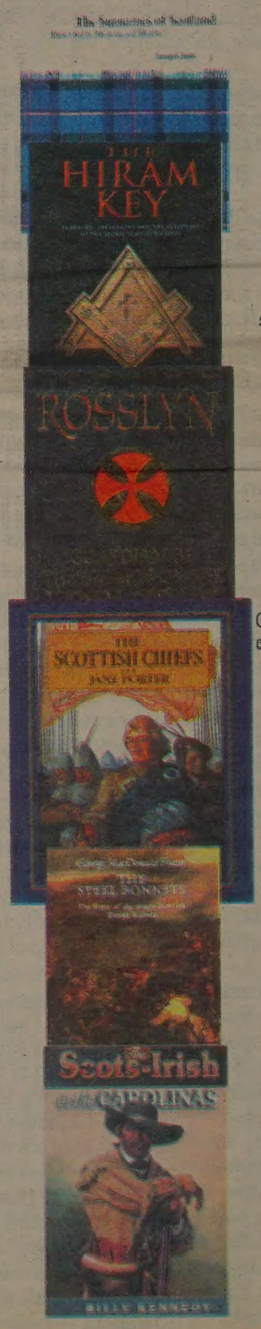

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